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# THE INFINITY GAMBIT

THE  
FINAL  
BATTLE!



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# POWER!

"IT IS A QUALITY  
THAT MUST BE  
CULTIVATED  
AND NURTURED."

"IT IS A REWARD  
TO BE EARNED  
THROUGH  
INTELLECT AND  
PATIENCE."

"IT CANNOT BE  
GAINED AND  
HELD THROUGH  
CHANCE."

"IN THE WRONG  
HANDS, IT WILL  
ONLY PROVE  
SELF-  
DESTRUCTIVE."



ON A FREE  
FLOATING  
SATELLITE,  
MANY LIGHT  
YEARS FROM  
EARTH...

# THE FINAL CONFRONTATION

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AND SO, DEAR  
NEBULA, EVEN  
THOUGH YOU  
HAVE USURPED  
THAT WHICH IS  
RIGHTFULLY  
MINE, IT SHALL  
DO YOU LITTLE  
GOOD!

NEBULA  
SAID "TWO  
LITTLE  
FRIENDS."

BUT THREE  
OF US ACCOMPANY  
THANOS!

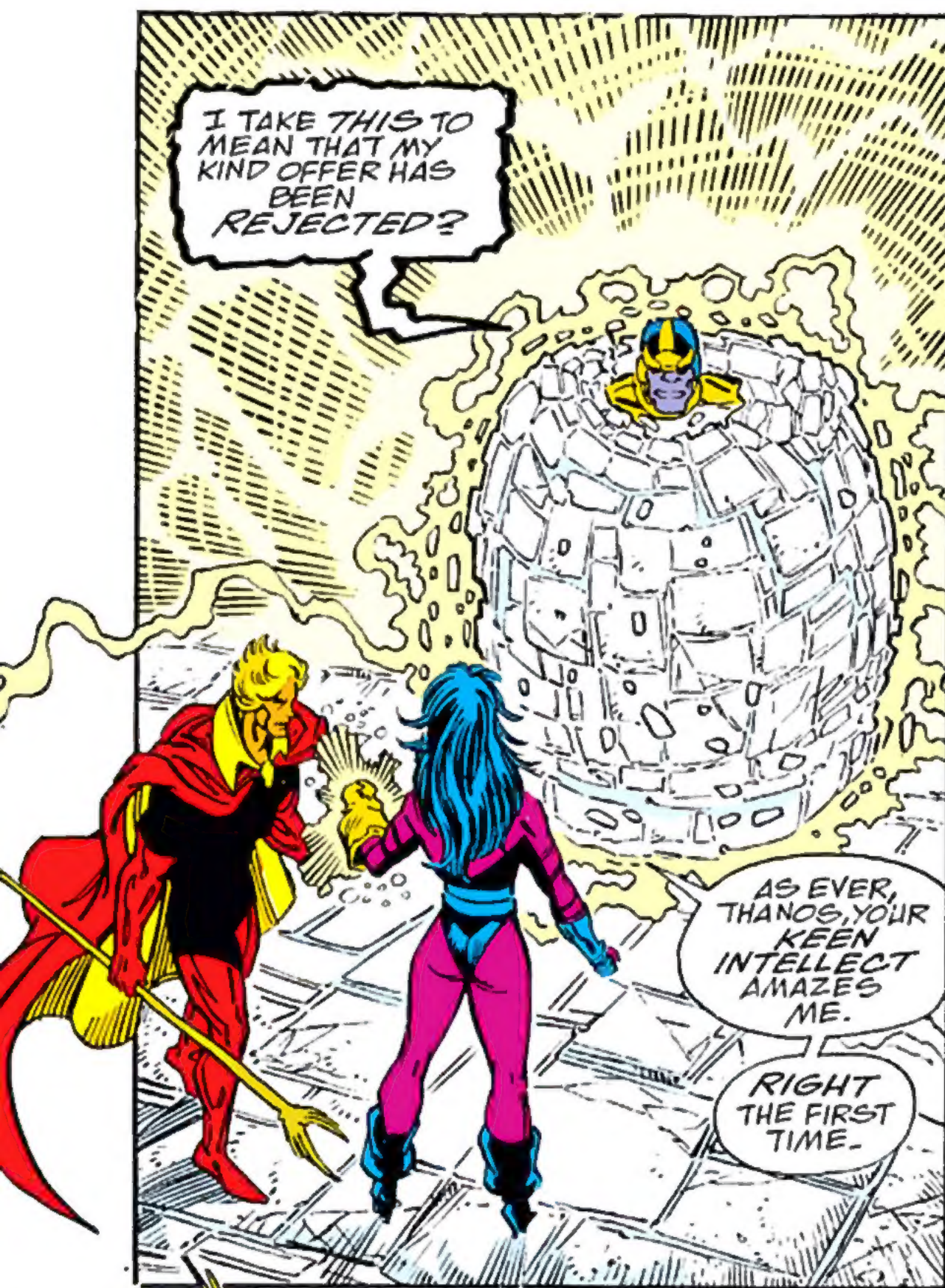
RETURN THE  
INFINITY  
GAUNTLET  
IMMEDIATELY,  
AND ALL WILL  
BE FORGIVEN!

I MIGHT EVEN  
APPOINT YOU MY  
CHIEF CONSORT,  
IF YOU BEHAVE  
YOURSELF.

A VERY  
TEMPTING OFFER,  
GRANDFATHER,  
BUT--



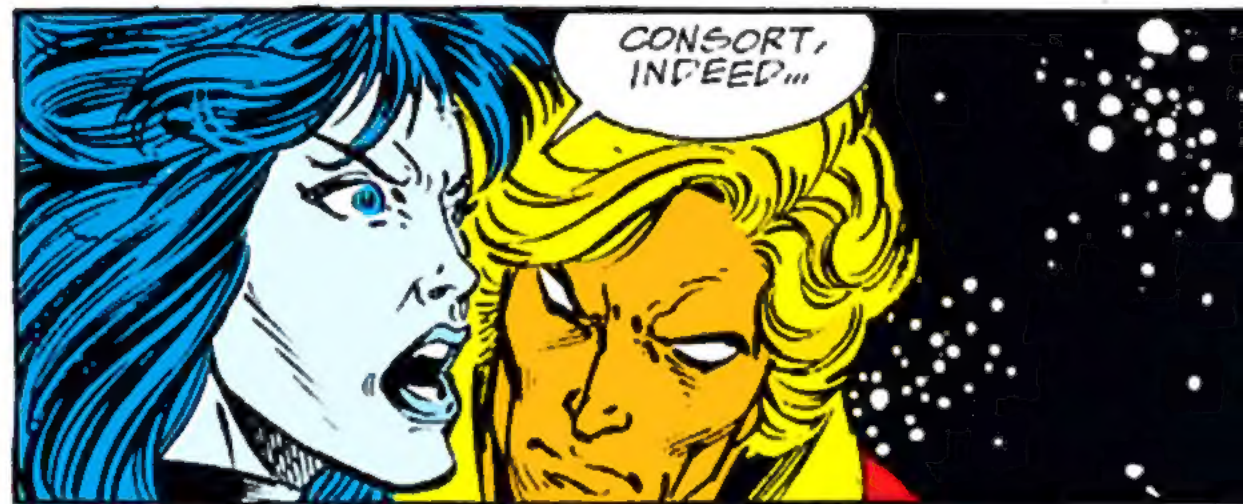




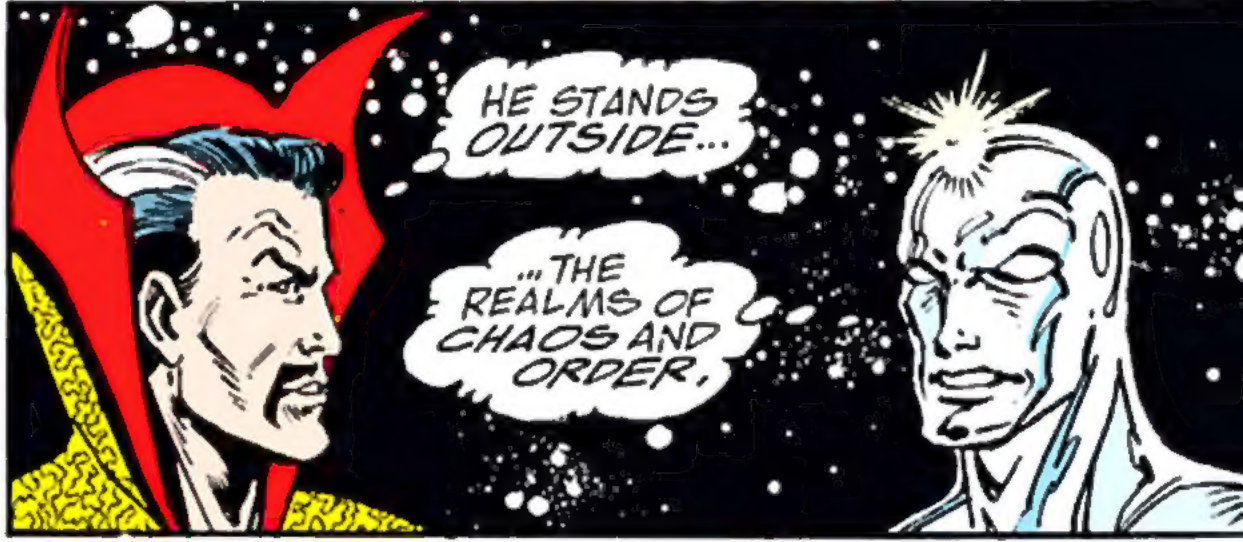
I TAKE THIS TO MEAN THAT MY KIND OFFER HAS BEEN REJECTED?

AS EVER, THANOS, YOUR KEEN INTELLECT AMAZES ME.

RIGHT THE FIRST TIME.



CONSORT, INDEED...

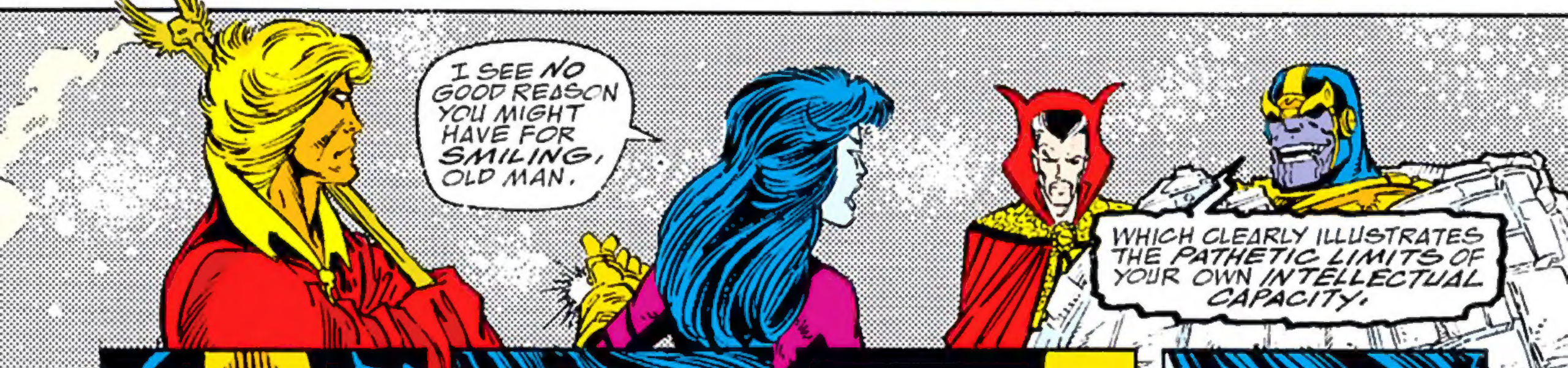


HE STANDS OUTSIDE...

...THE REALMS OF CHAOS AND ORDER.



NEBULA IS UNAWARE OF WARLOCK'S PRESENCE.



I SEE NO GOOD REASON YOU MIGHT HAVE FOR SMILING, OLD MAN.

WHICH CLEARLY ILLUSTRATES THE PATHETIC LIMITS OF YOUR OWN INTELLECTUAL CAPACITY.



YOU HAVEN'T THE VISION NECESSARY TO PROPERLY EXPLOIT THE INFINITY GEMS!



BUT YOU HAVE, I SUPPOSE...?

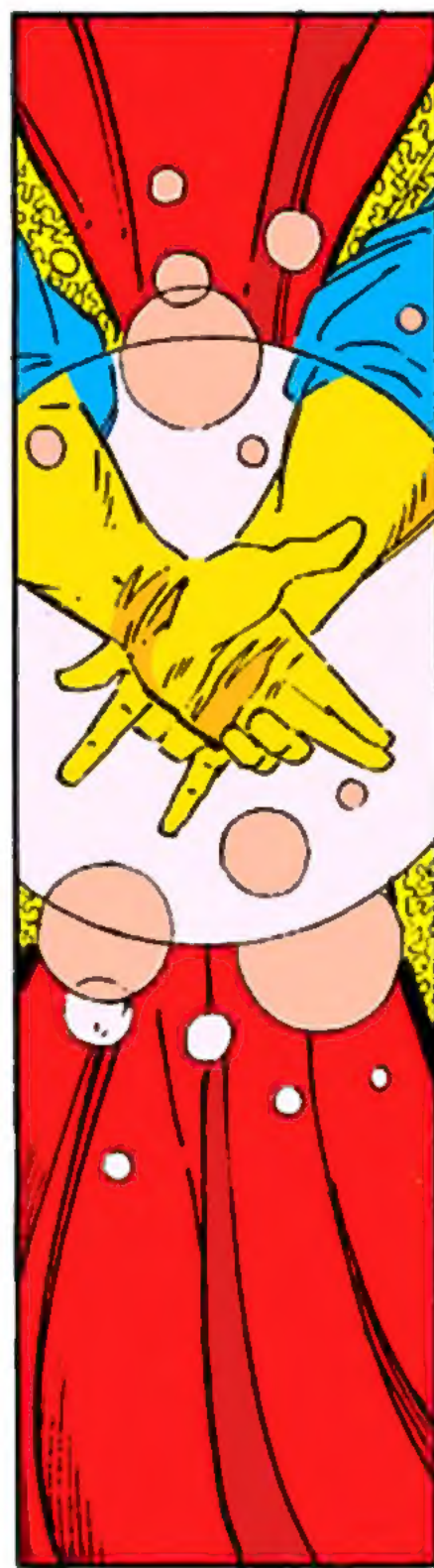
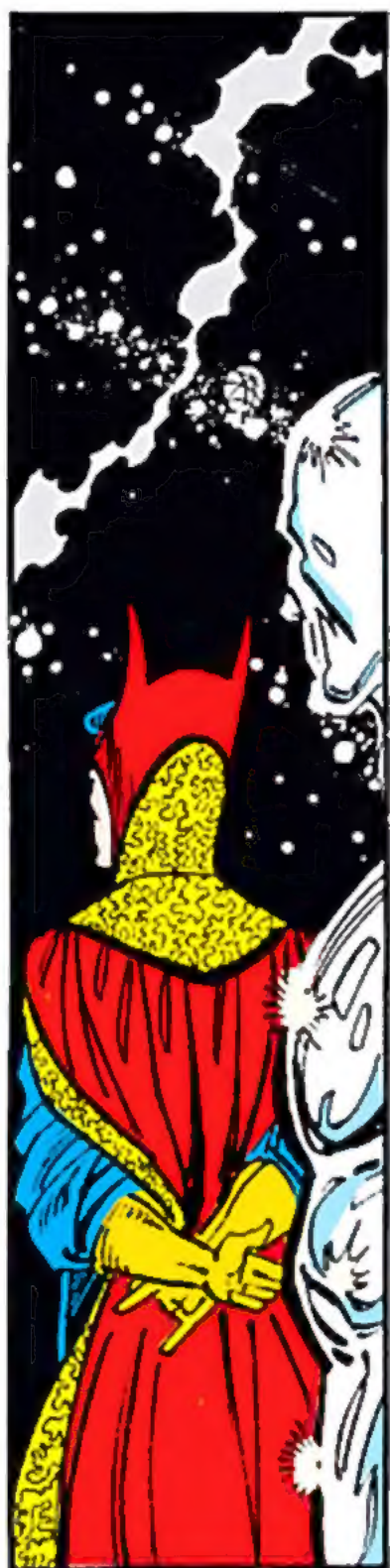
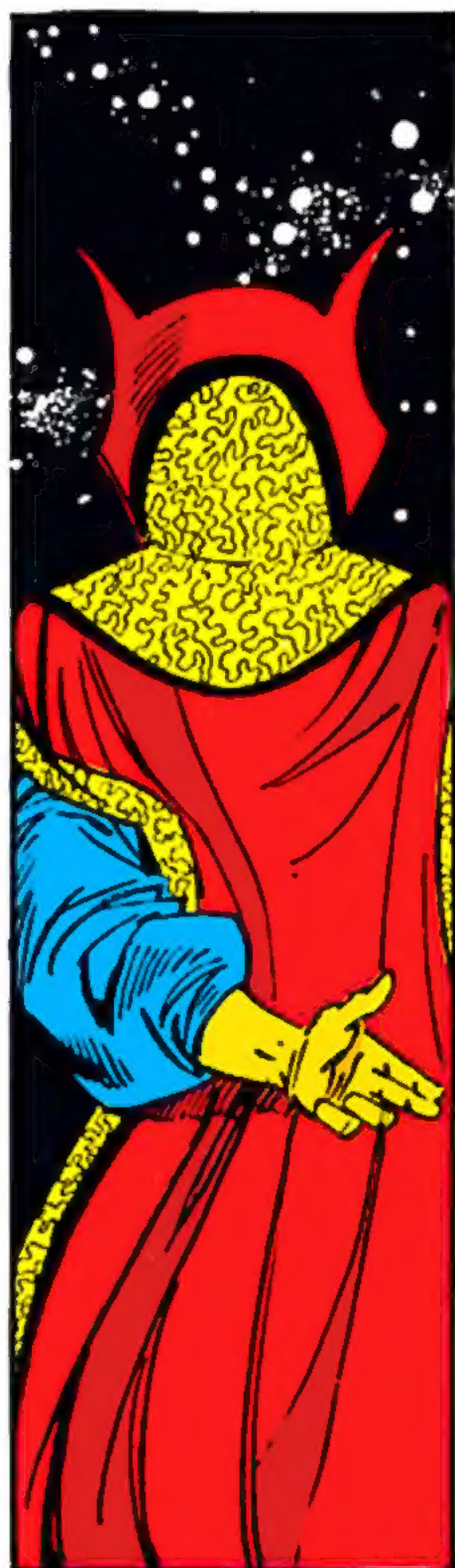


JUST LOOK AT WHAT I HAVE ACCOMPLISHED SO FAR.

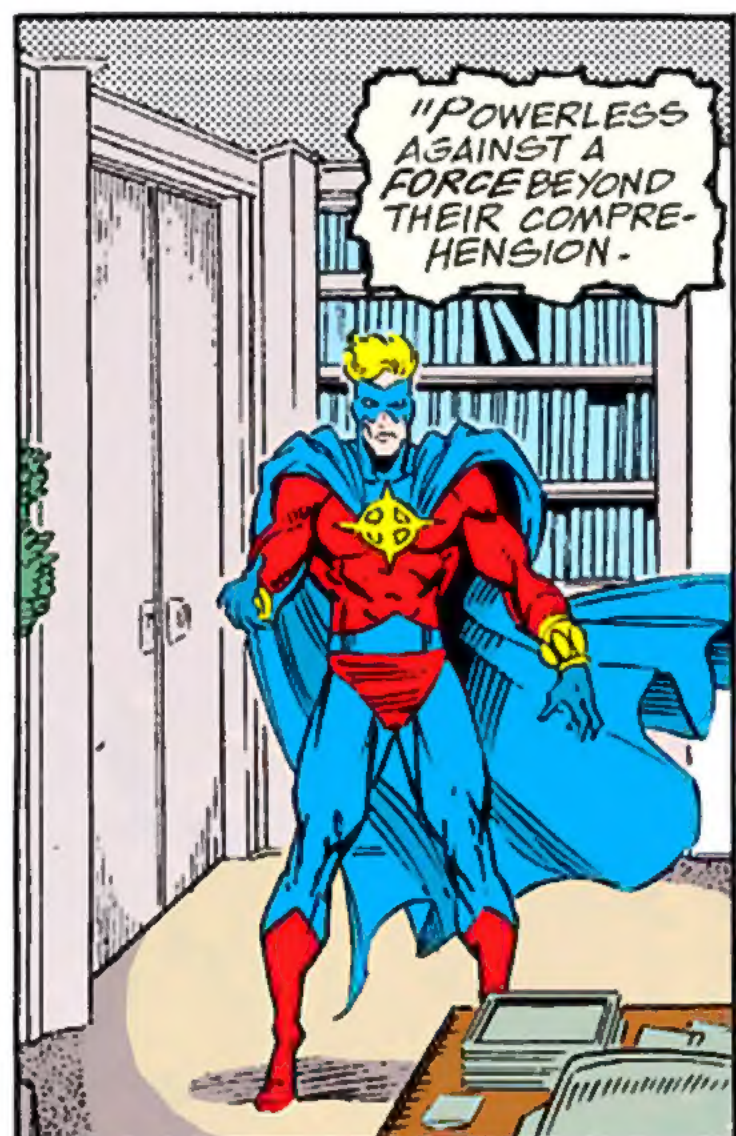
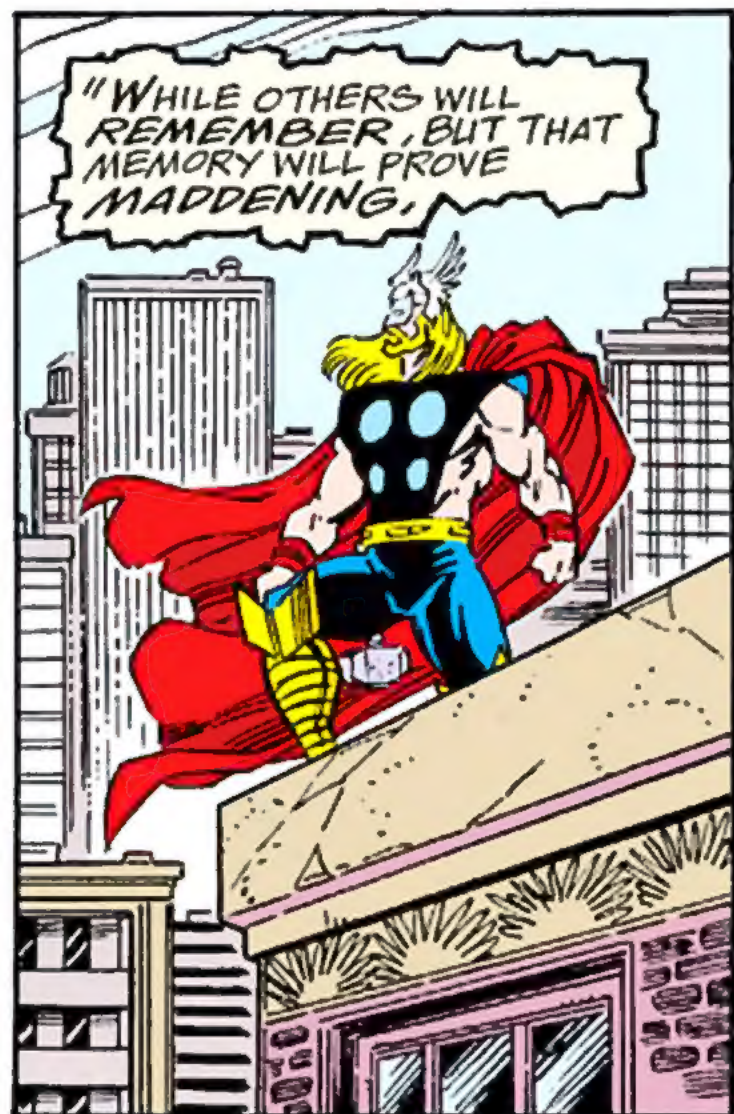
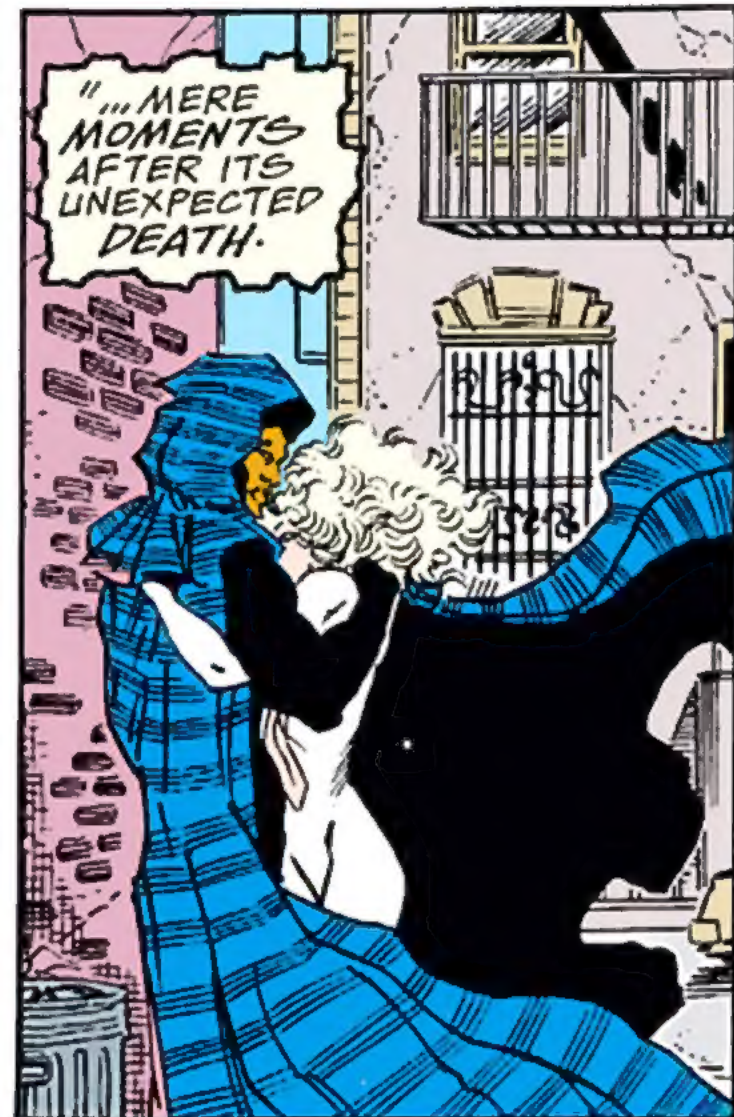


GREAT DEEDS SUCH AS KILLING OFF HALF OF THE UNIVERSE?!

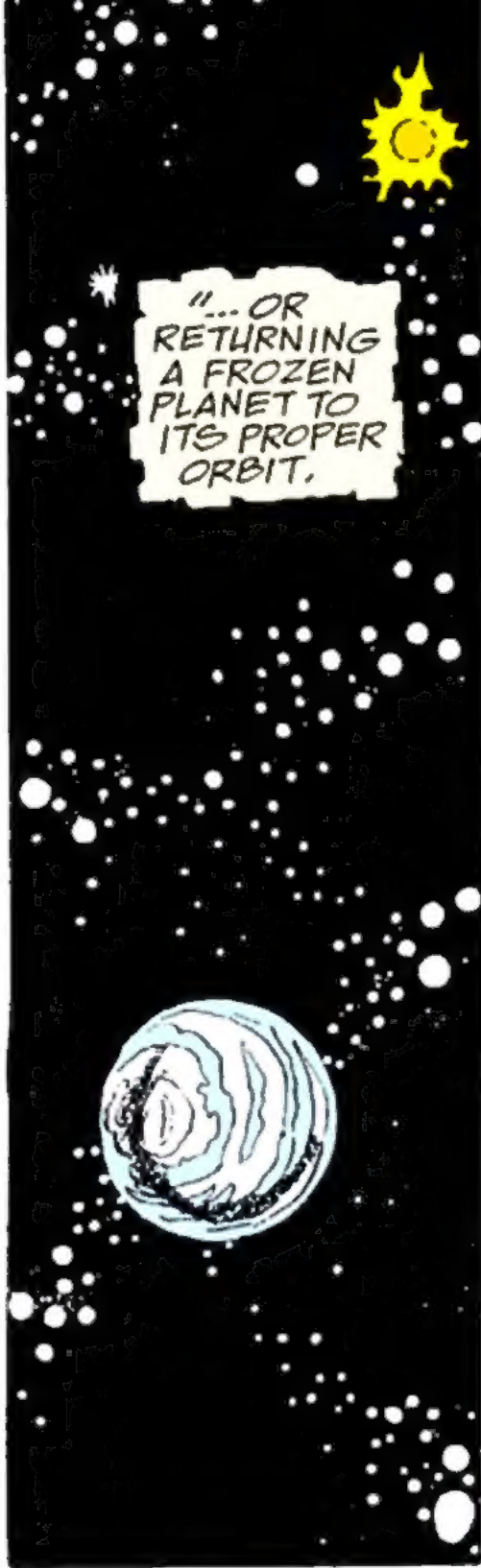




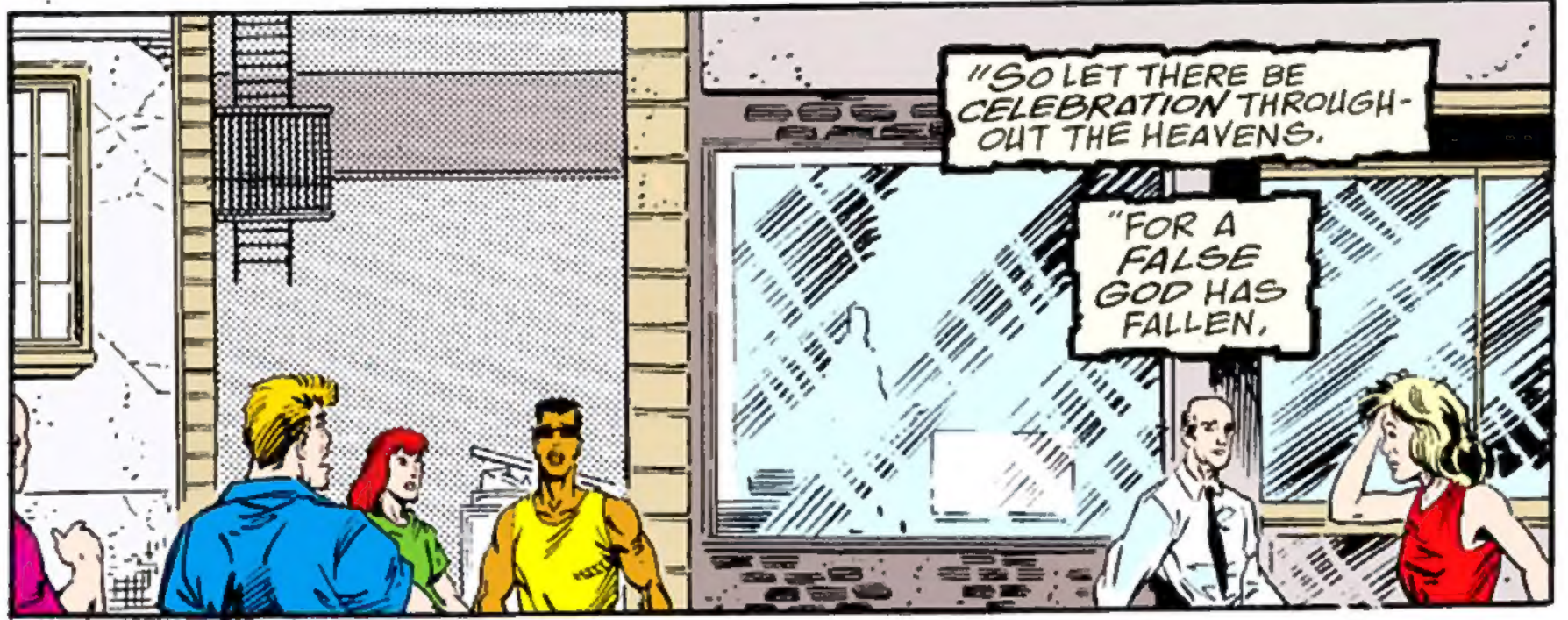






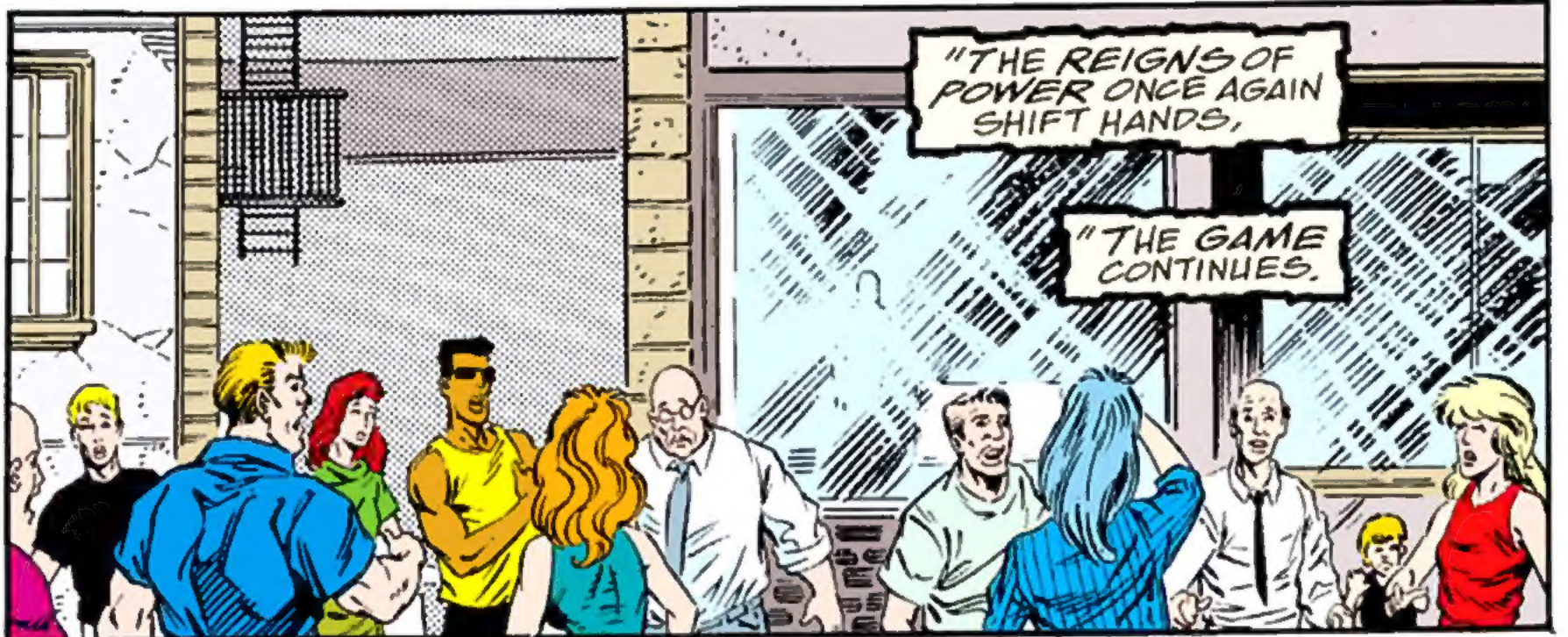


"...OR  
RETURNING  
A FROZEN  
PLANET TO  
ITS PROPER  
ORBIT.



"SO LET THERE BE  
CELEBRATION THROUGH-  
OUT THE HEAVENS.

"FOR A  
FALSE  
GOD HAS  
FALLEN.

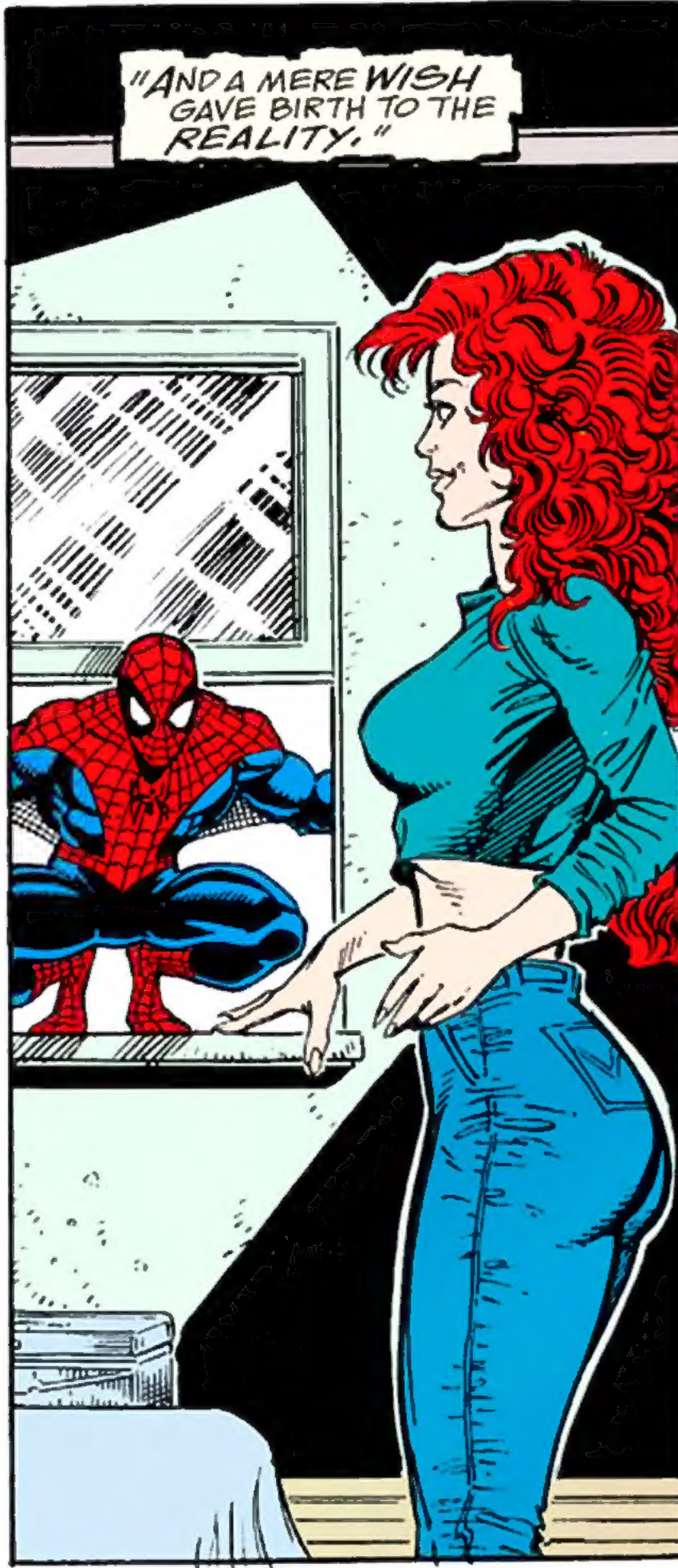


"THE REIGNS OF  
POWER ONCE AGAIN  
SHIFT HANDS,

"THE GAME  
CONTINUES.



"BEHOLD A  
NEW DAY  
DAWNING.



"AND A MERE WISH  
GAVE BIRTH TO THE  
REALITY."

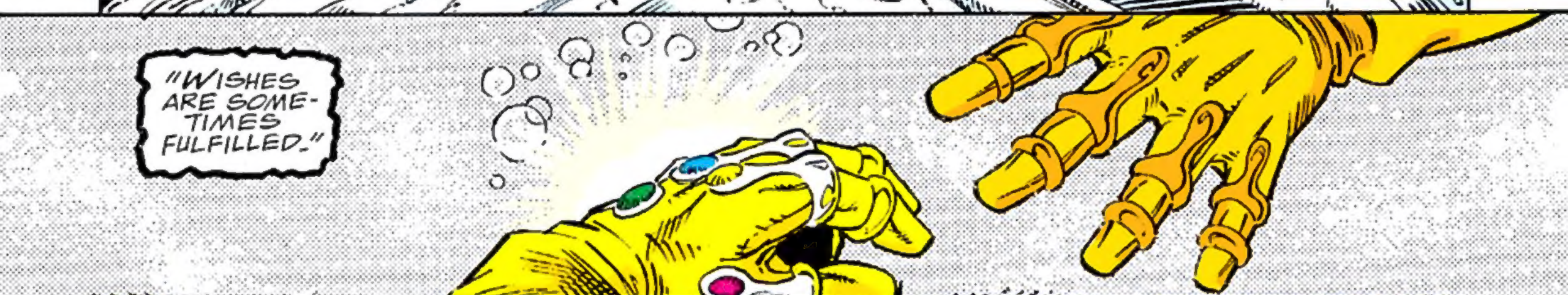


FOR DEAR  
NEBULA  
WILLED THAT  
EVERYTHING  
BE AS IT  
WAS.

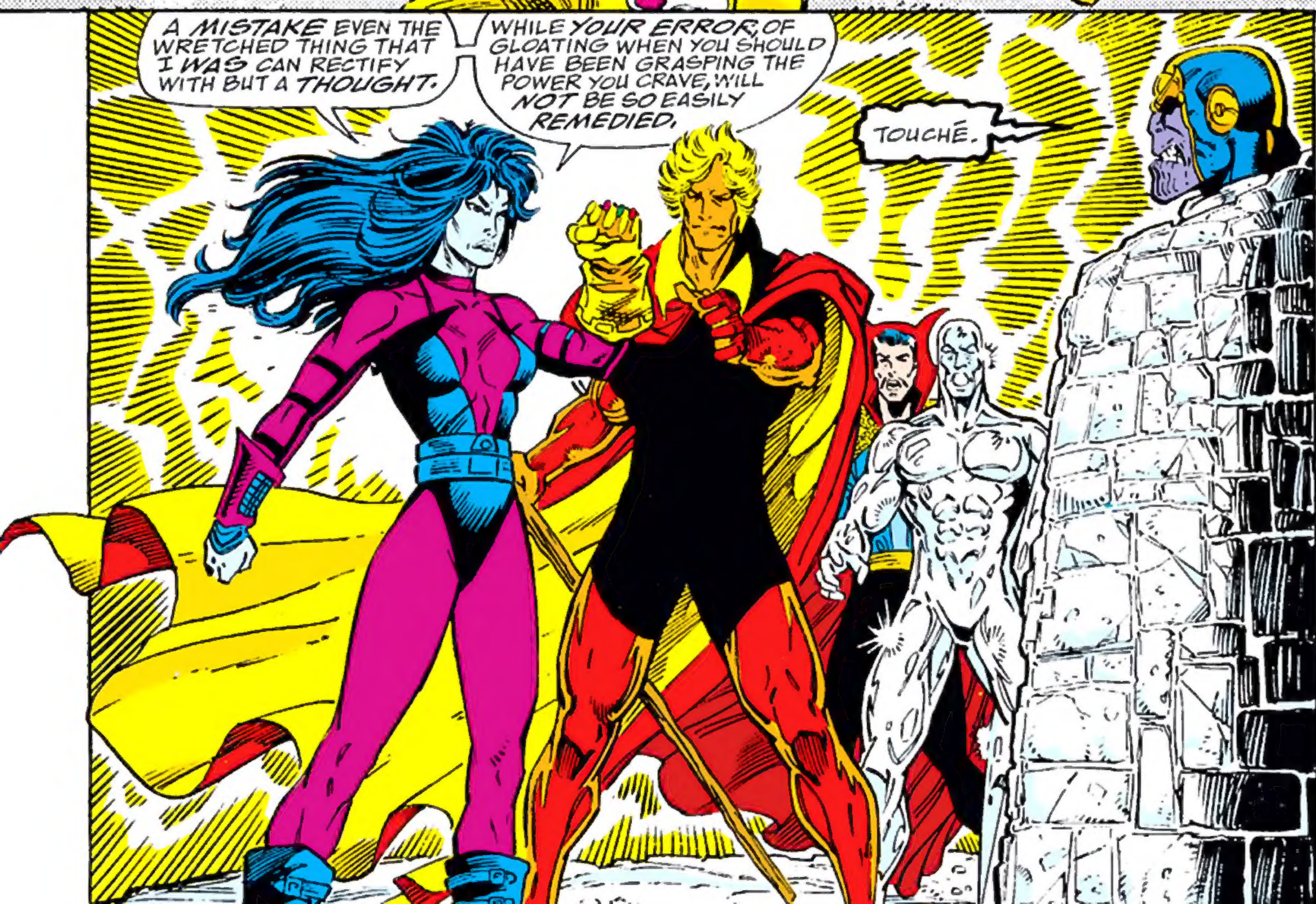




WHEN ONE HAS THE POWER  
OF A GOD, SHE SHOULD BE  
VERY CAREFUL ABOUT  
WHAT SHE WISHES FOR.



"WISHES  
ARE SOME-  
TIMES  
FULFILLED."

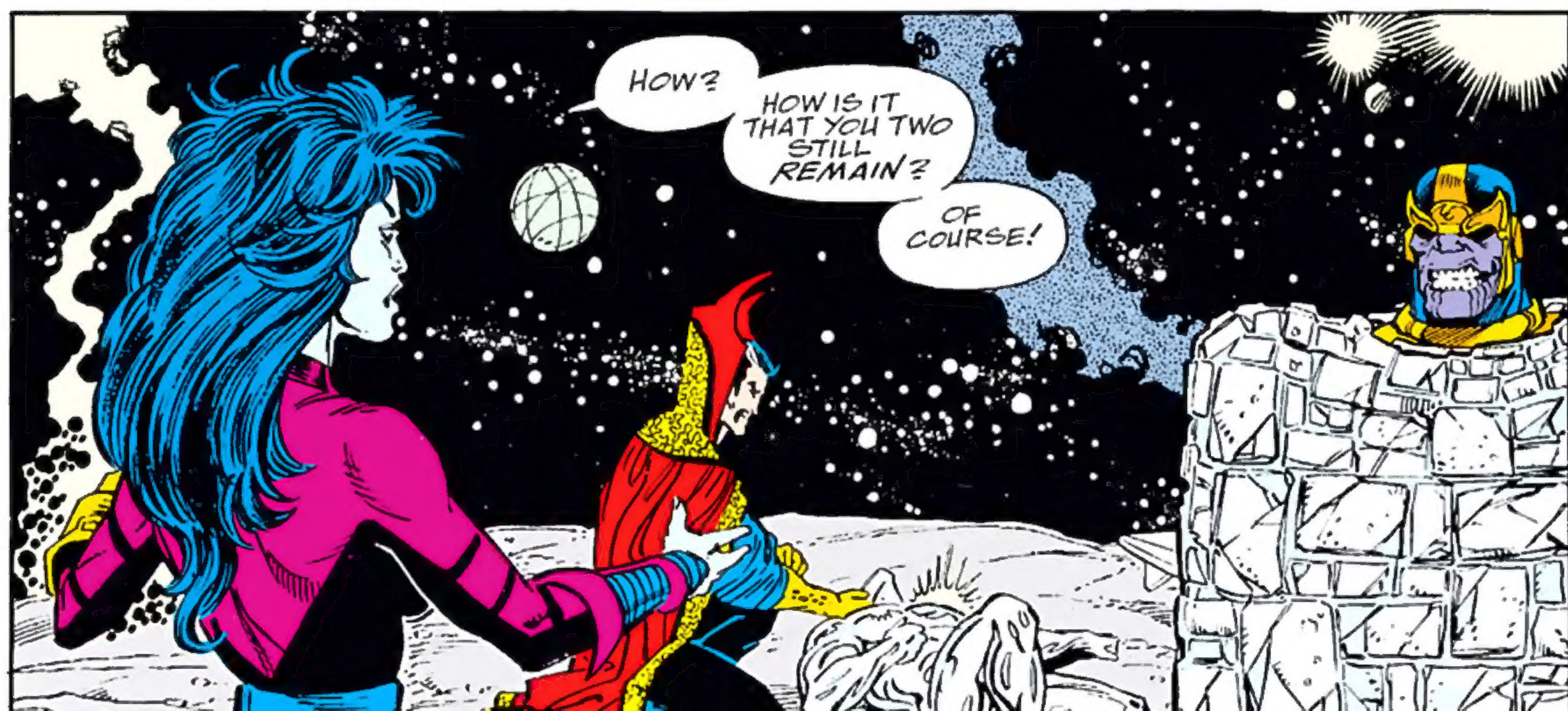


A MISTAKE EVEN THE  
WRETCHED THING THAT  
I WAS CAN RECTIFY  
WITH BUT A THOUGHT.

WHILE YOUR ERROR, OF  
GLOATING WHEN YOU SHOULD  
HAVE BEEN GRASPING THE  
POWER YOU CRAVE, WILL  
NOT BE SO EASILY  
REMEDIED.

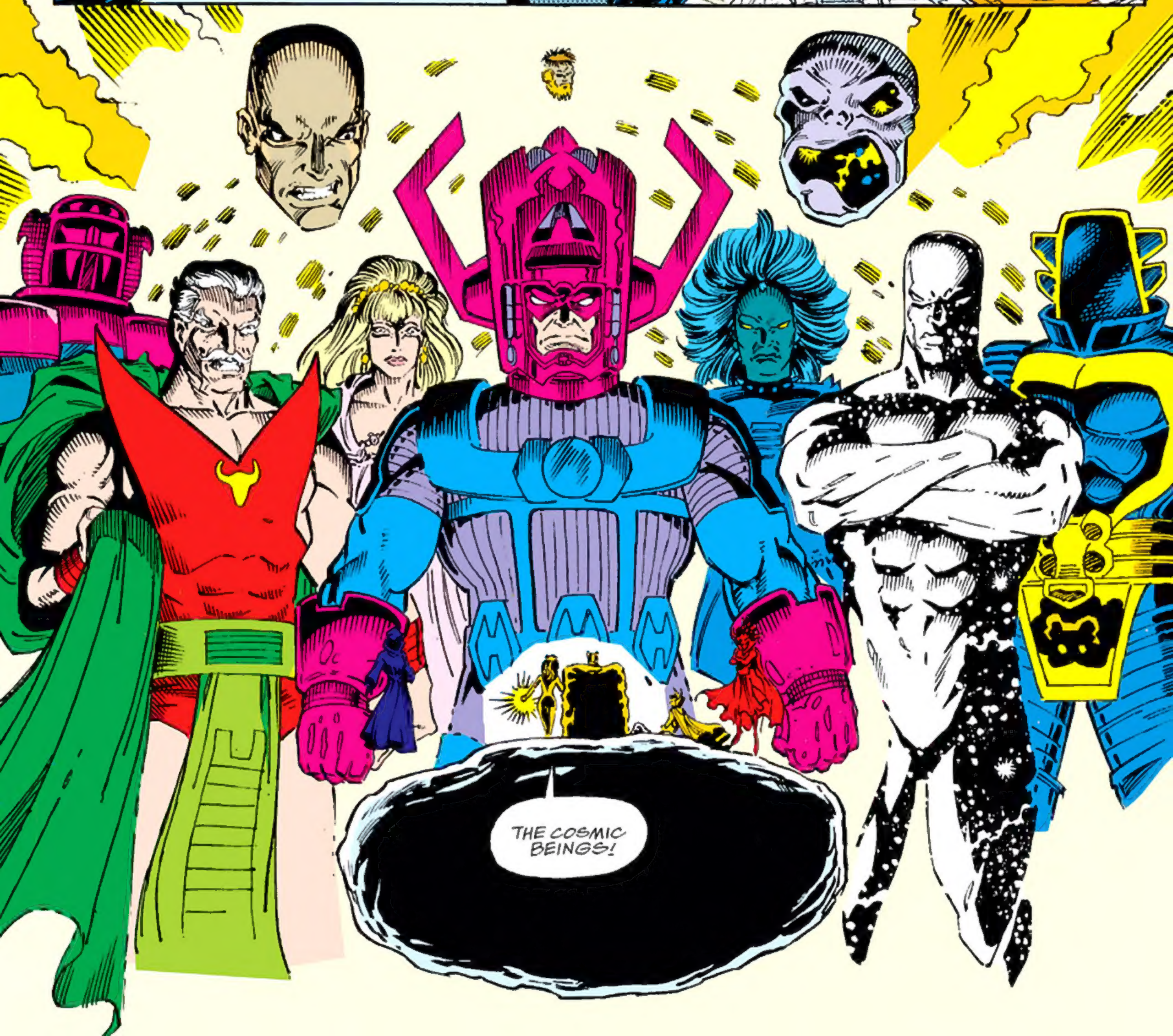
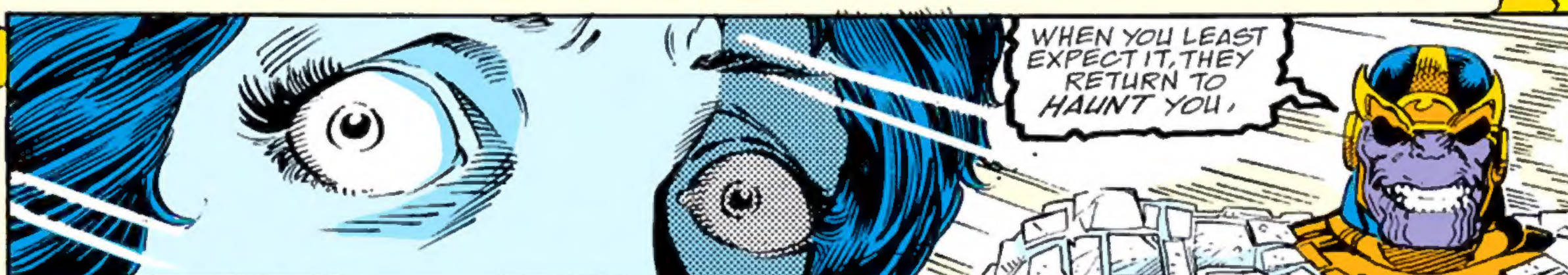
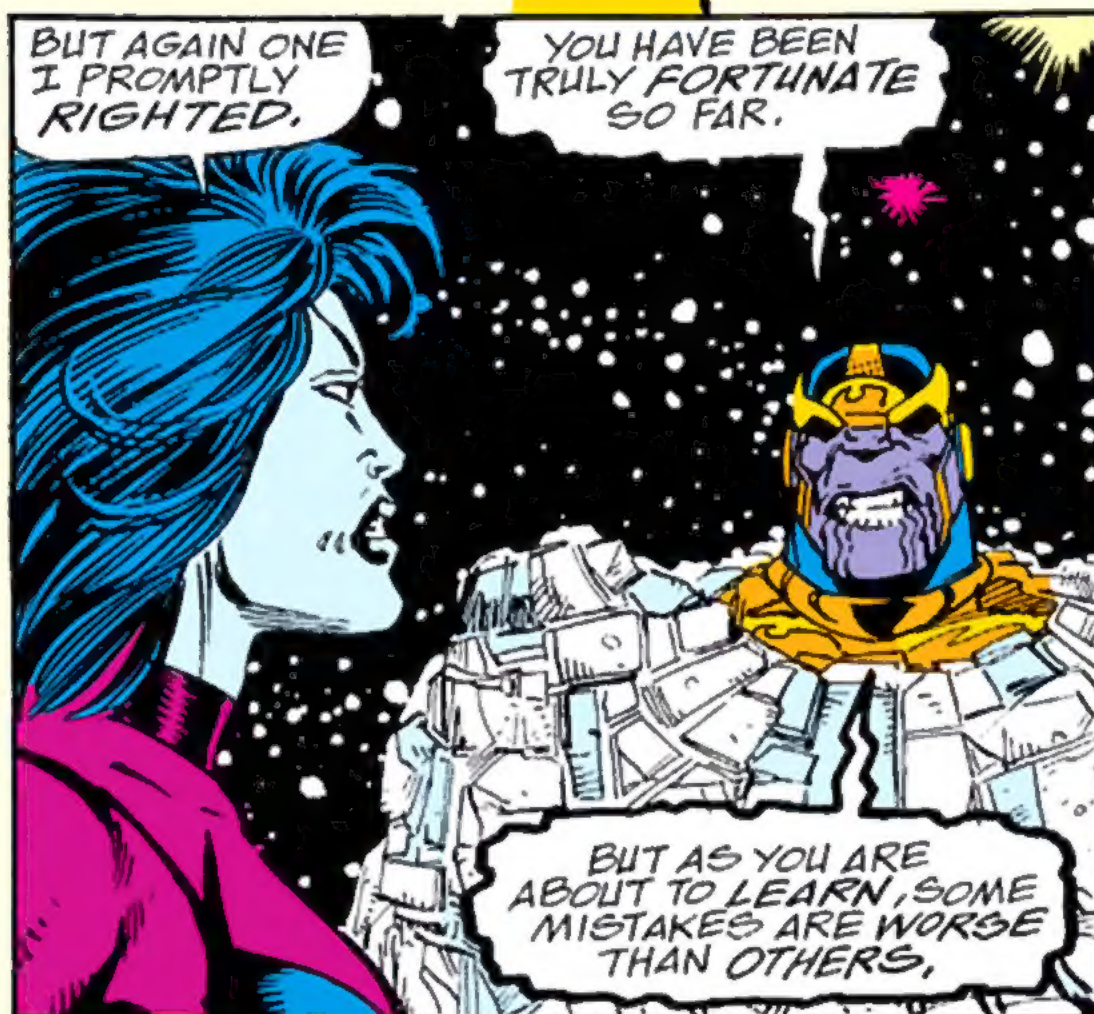
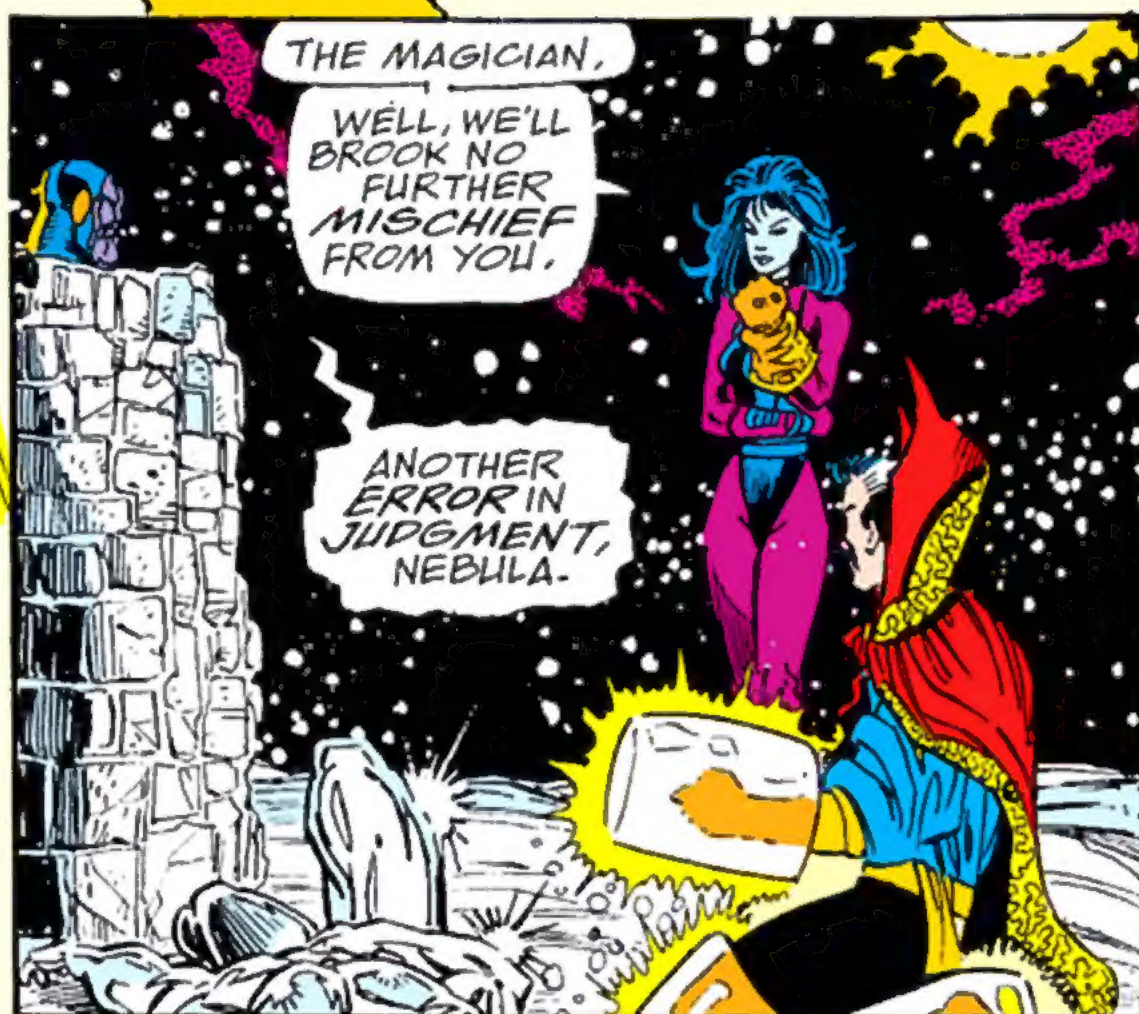
TOUCHÉ.



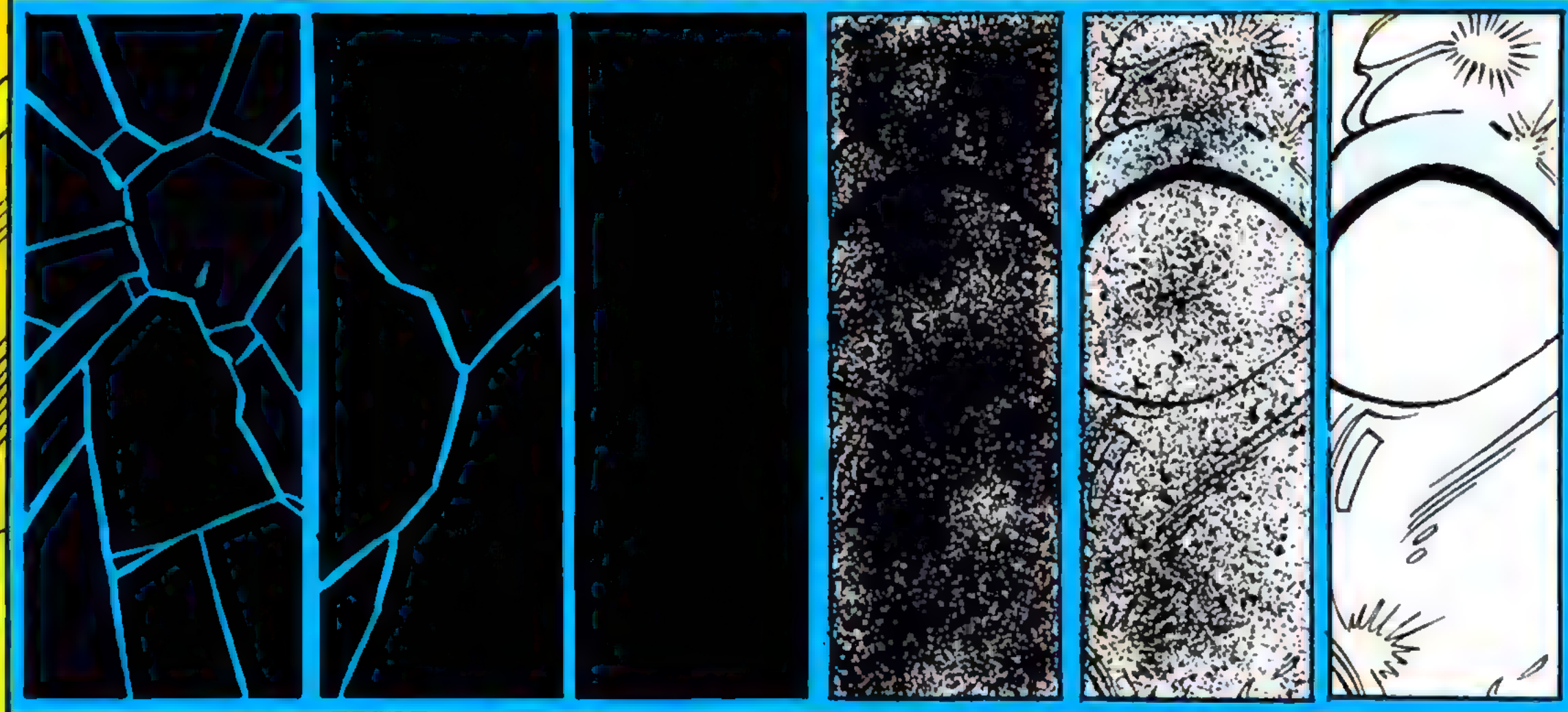


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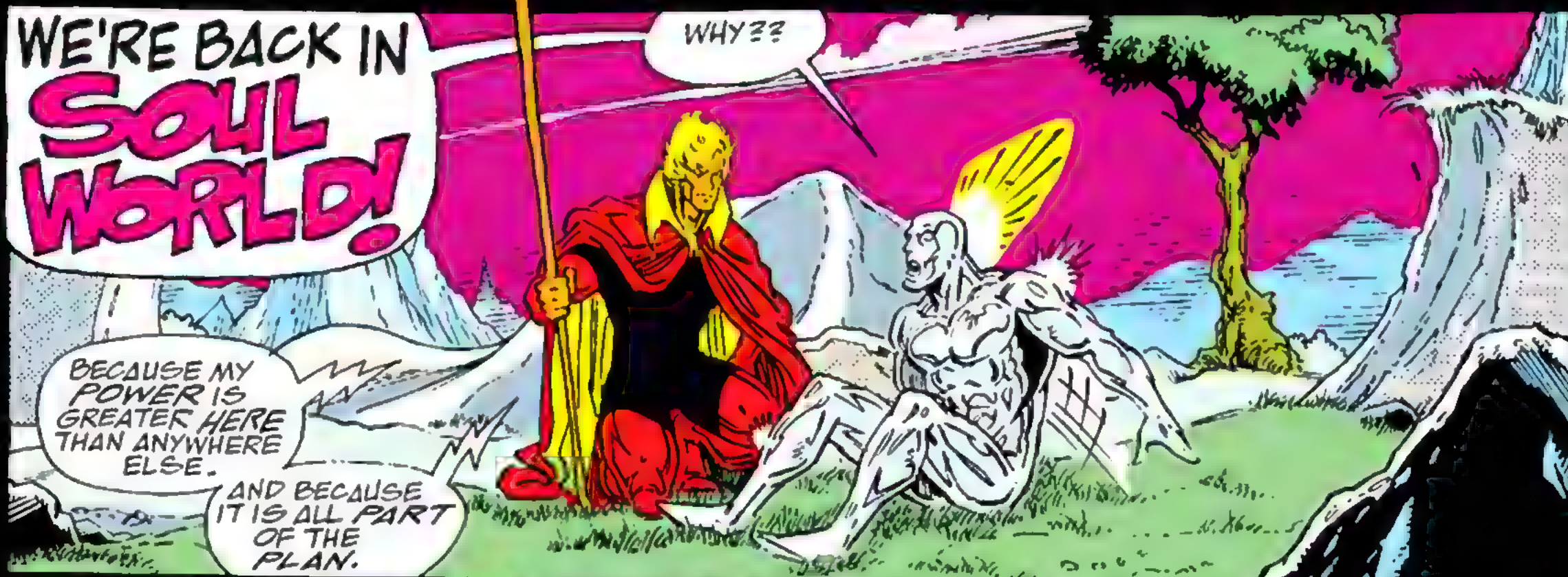












WE'RE BACK IN  
**SOUL  
WORLD!**

WHY??

BECAUSE MY  
POWER IS  
GREATER HERE  
THAN ANYWHERE  
ELSE.

AND BECAUSE  
IT IS ALL PART  
OF THE  
PLAN.



THE THREAT TO THE  
UNIVERSE COULDN'T  
BE NEUTRALIZED  
UNTIL THE GAUNTLET  
WAS IN OTHER  
HANDS.



BECAUSE THANOS  
WOULD HAVE SENSED  
IT AND STOPPED YOU?

YES, NEBULA'S  
INEXPERIENCE  
AND CURRENT  
CONFUSION  
IS OUR ONLY  
EDGE.



FROM THE BEGINNING  
YOU KNEW THANOS WOULD  
LOSE THE GAUNTLET?

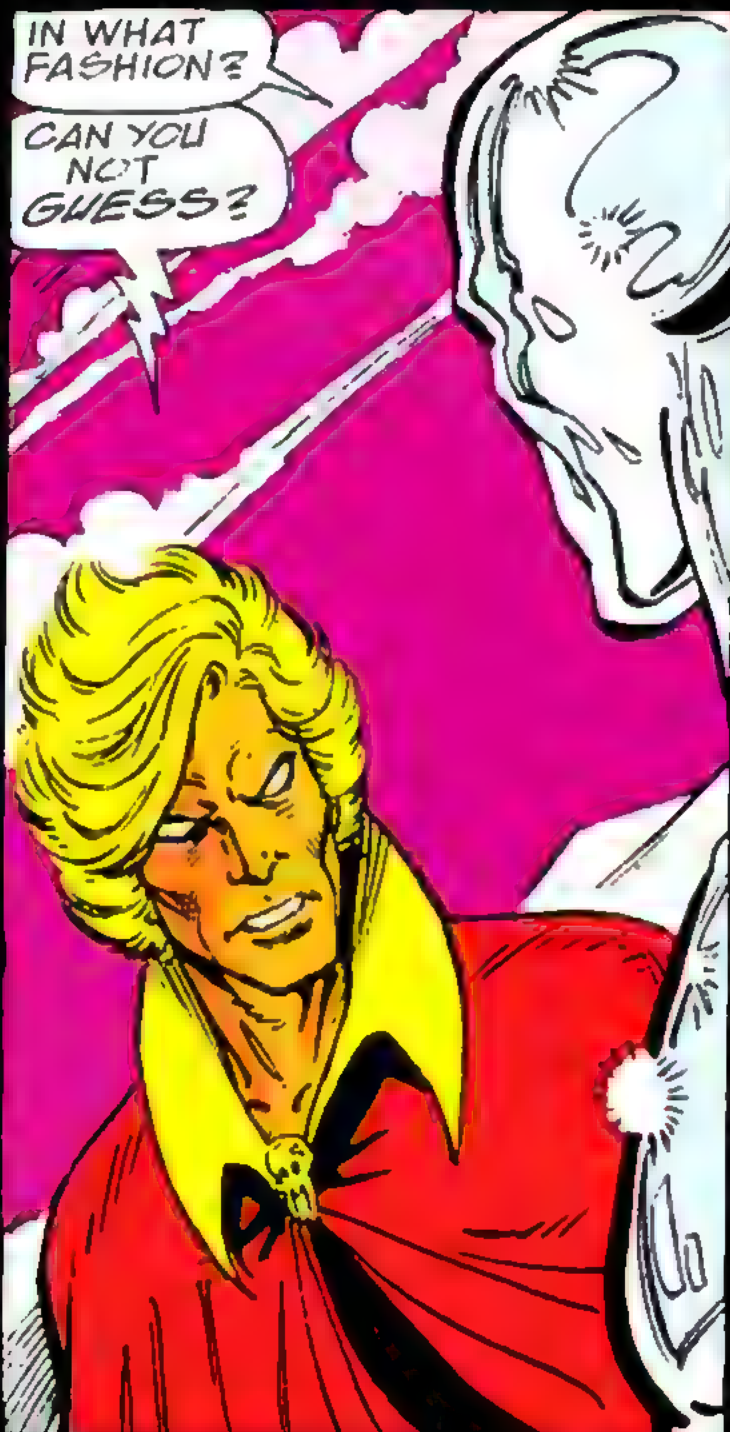
BECAUSE I KNOW  
THANOS AND THE  
WAY HIS MIND  
WORKS.



SO WHAT  
NOW?

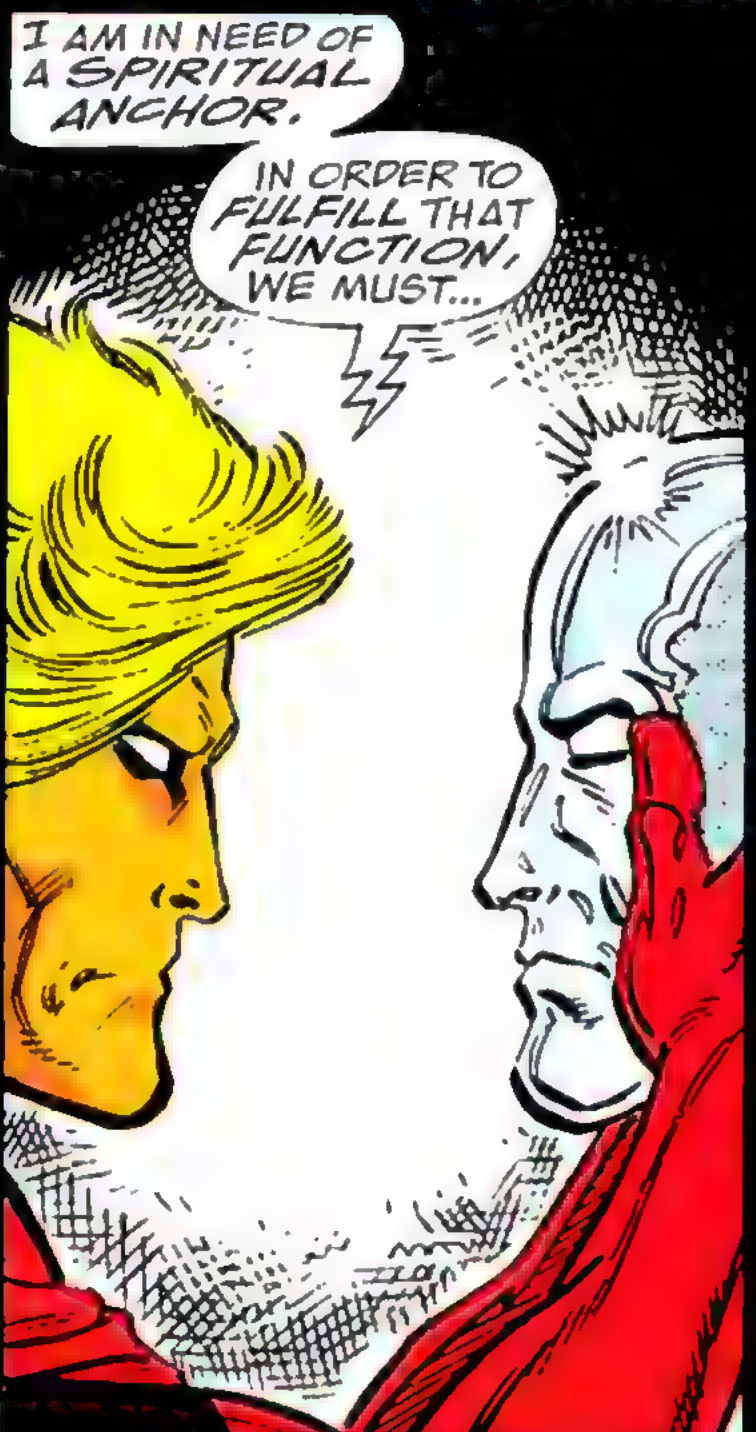
I DO WHAT  
MUST BE  
DONE.

BUT I WILL  
NEED YOUR  
ASSIST-  
ANCE.



IN WHAT  
FASHION?

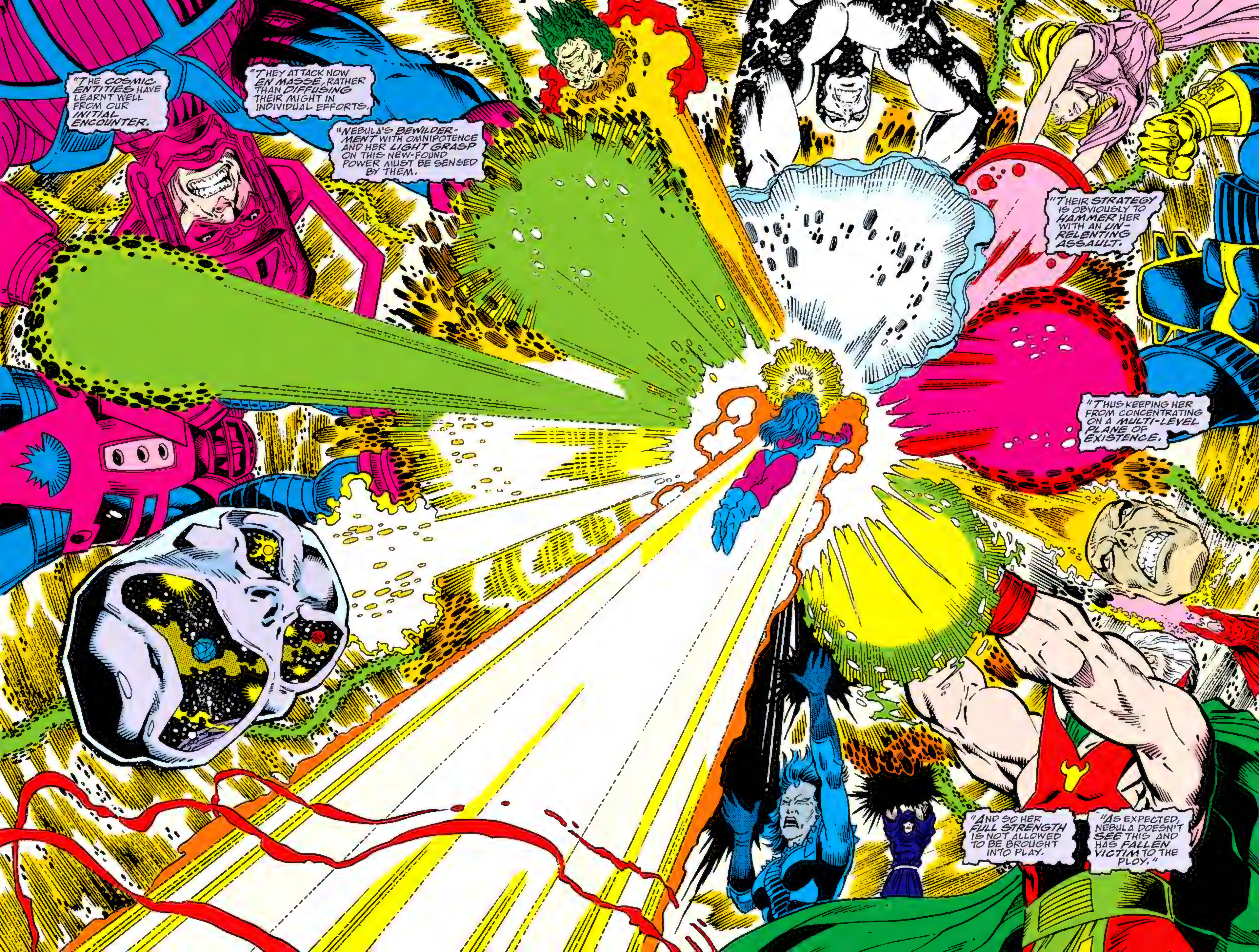
CAN YOU  
NOT  
GUESS?



I AM IN NEED OF  
A SPIRITUAL  
ANCHOR.

IN ORDER TO  
FULFILL THAT  
FUNCTION,  
WE MUST...





"THE COSMIC ENTITIES HAVE LEARNT WELL FROM OUR INITIAL ENCOUNTER."

"THEY ATTACK NOW EN MASSE, RATHER THAN DIFFUSING THEIR MIGHT IN INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS."

"NEBULA'S BEWILDERMENT WITH OMNIPOTENCE AND HER LIGHT GRASP ON THIS NEW-FOUND POWER MUST BE SENSED BY THEM."

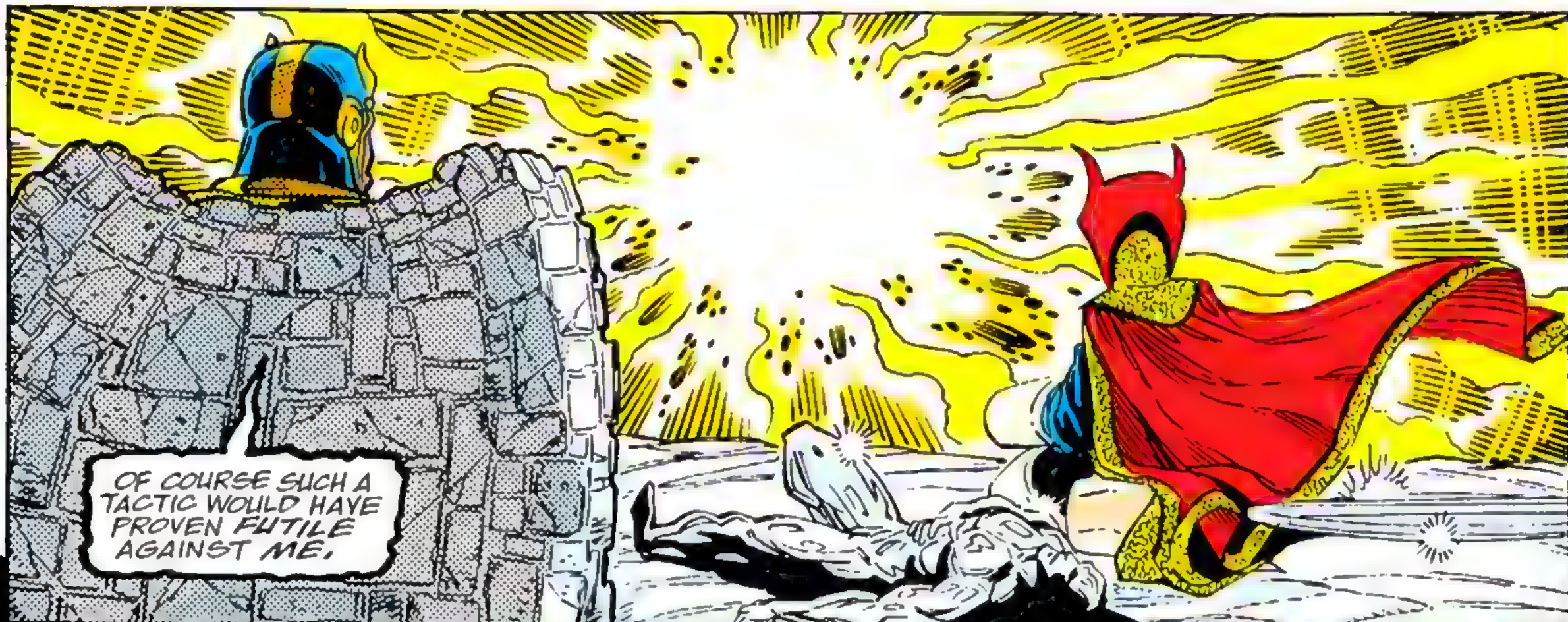
"THEIR STRATEGY IS OBVIOUSLY TO HAMMER HER WITH AN UN-RELENTING ASSAULT."

"THUS KEEPING HER FROM CONCENTRATING ON A MULTI-LEVEL PLANE OF EXISTENCE."

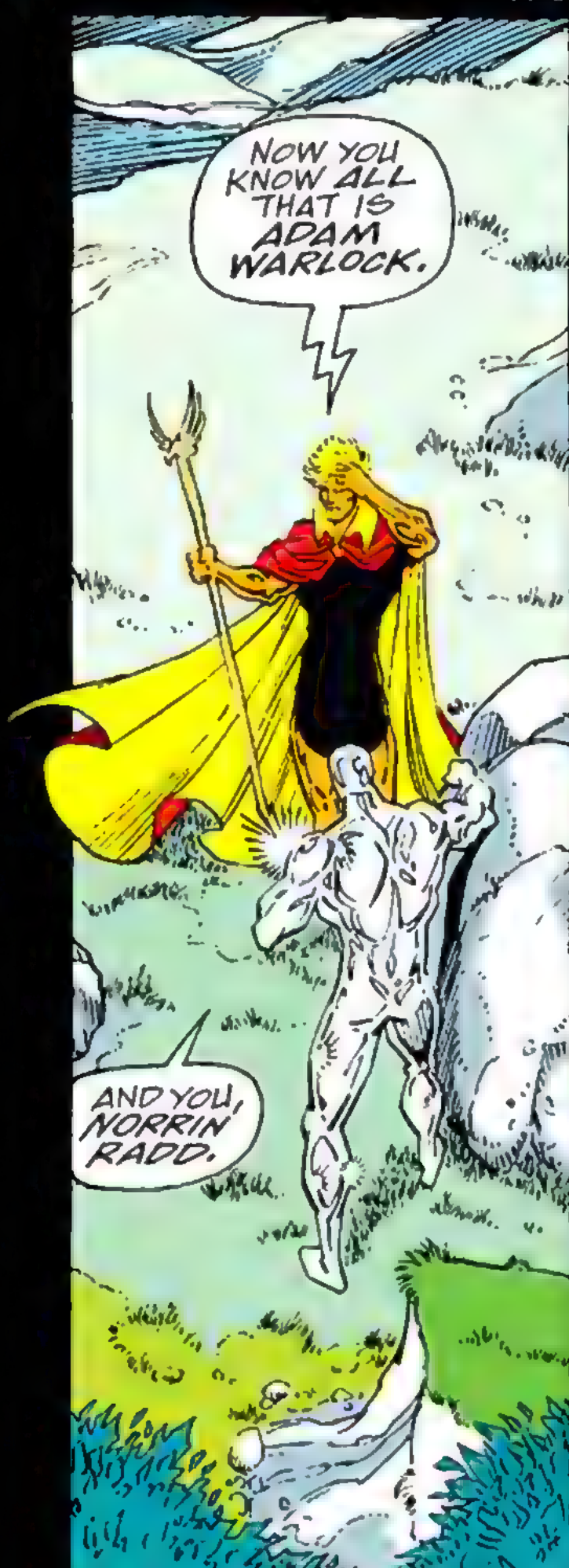
"AND SO HER FULL STRENGTH IS NOT ALLOWED TO BE BROUGHT INTO PLAY."

"AS EXPECTED, NEBULA DOESN'T SEE THIS AND HAS FALLEN VICTIM TO THE PLOY."





OF COURSE SUCH A TACTIC WOULD HAVE PROVEN FUTILE AGAINST ME.



NOW YOU KNOW ALL THAT IS ADAM WARLOCK.

AND YOU, NORRIN RADD.



THE SCOPE AND PARTICULARS OF MY PLAN ARE NOW CLEAR TO YOU?

YES, BUT ILLUMINATION AND UNDERSTANDING ARE NOT ONE AND THE SAME.



I STILL CANNOT FATHOM YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARD THIS ENTIRE SITUATION...

...TOWARD ALL LIFE IN GENERAL.



SO DETACHED,

EMOTIONAL NERVES CAUTERIZED, I SUPPOSE.

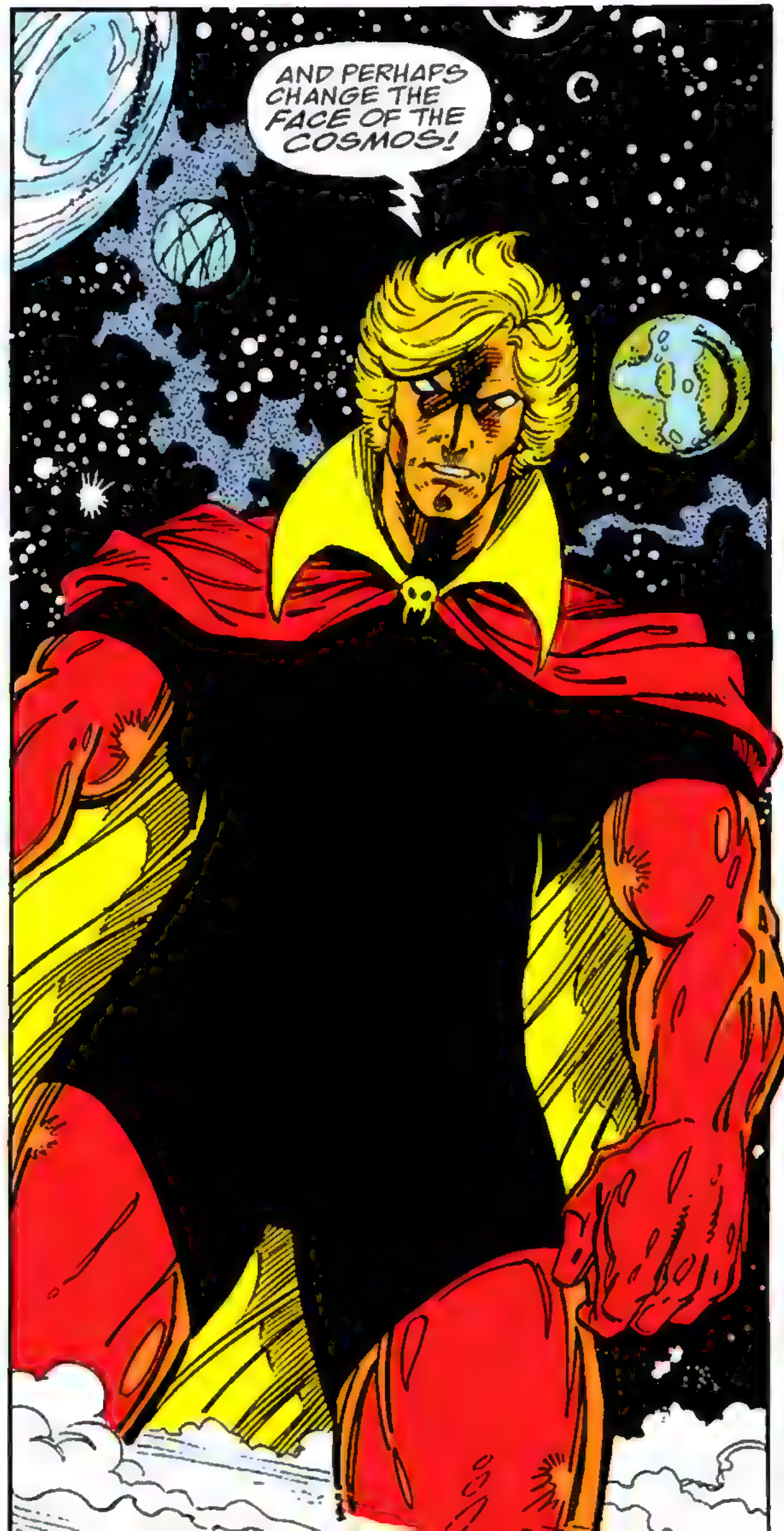
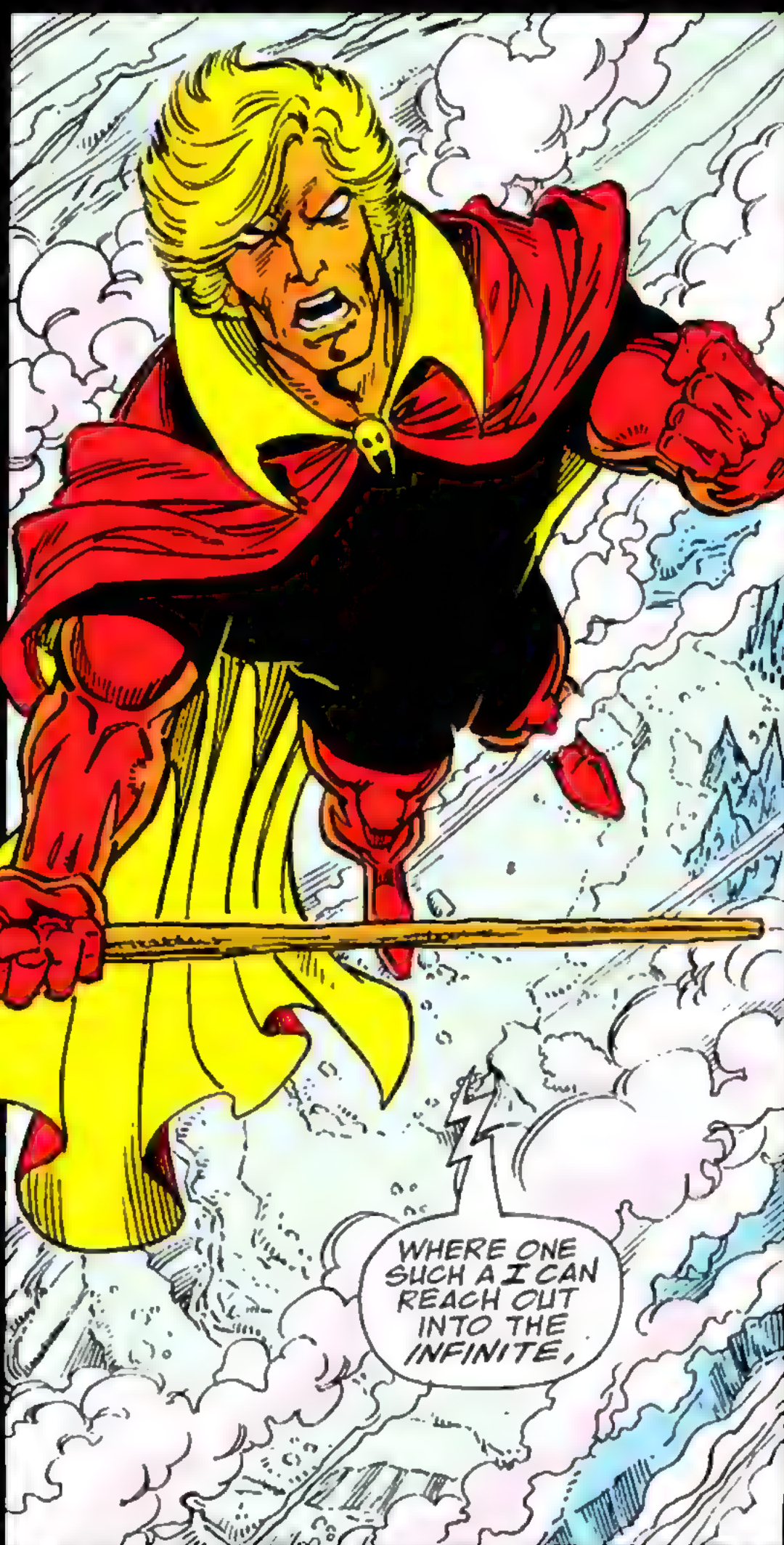
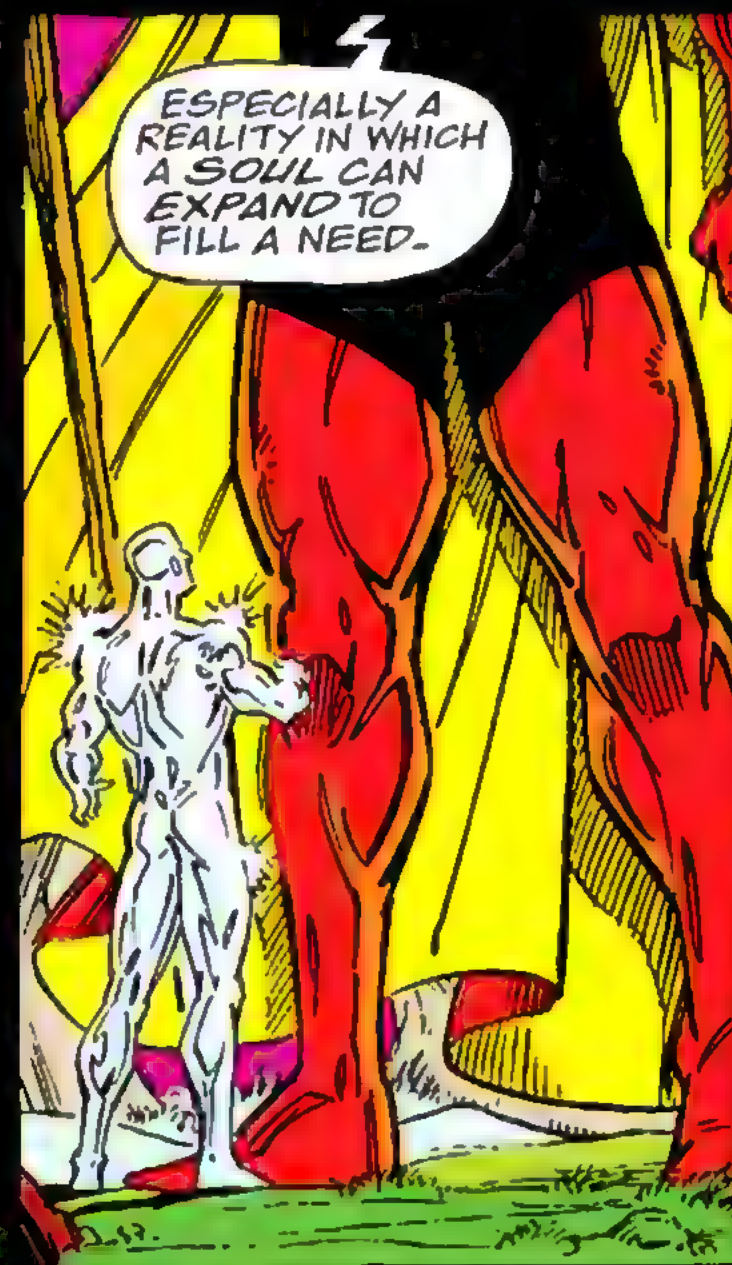


SOMEHOW, I MANAGE.

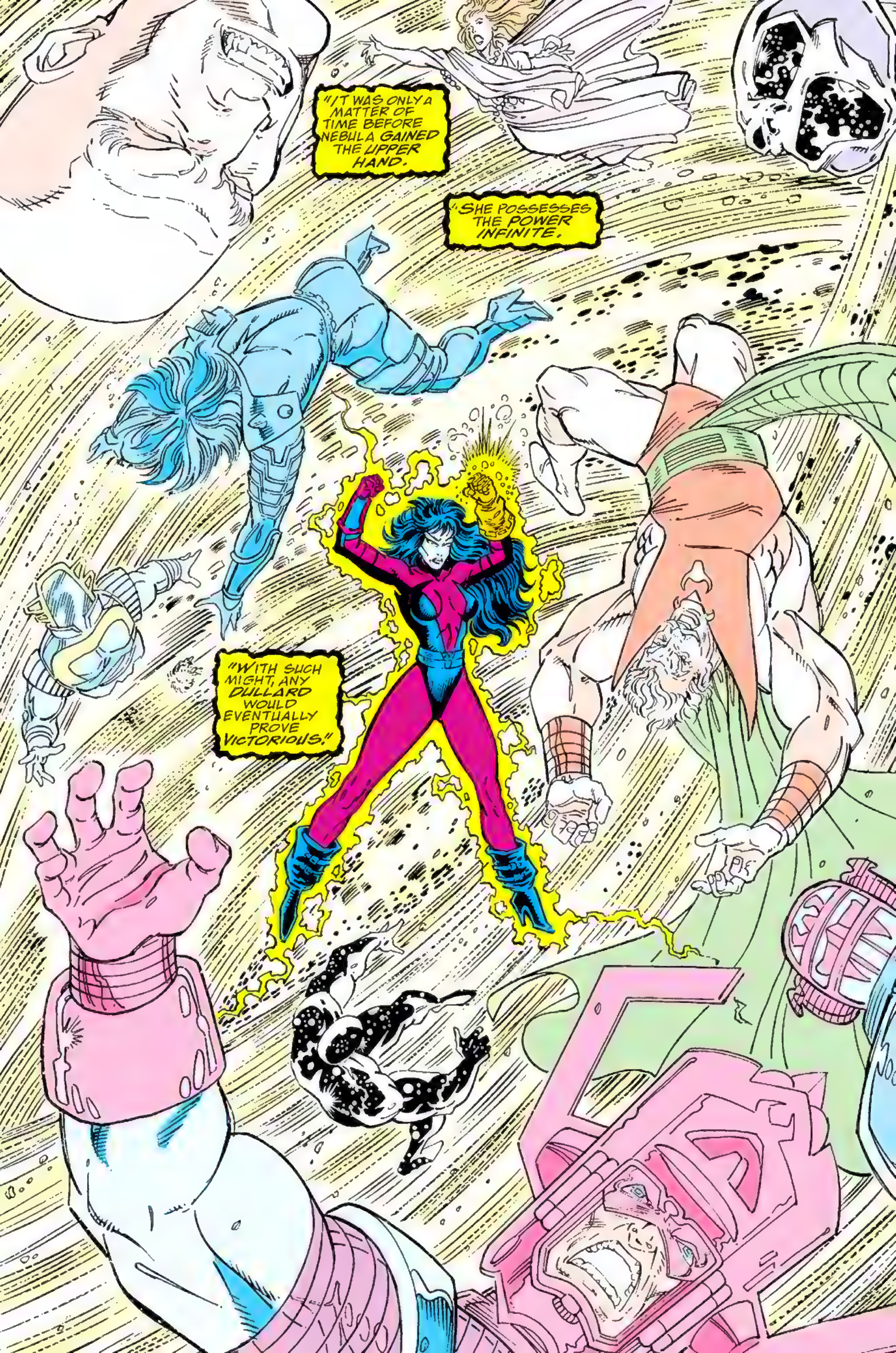
IT IS OF NO IMPORT AT THE MOMENT.

ONCE AGAIN, THE UNIVERSE NEEDS SAVING!









"IT WAS ONLY A  
MATTER OF  
TIME BEFORE  
NEBULA GAINED  
THE UPPER  
HAND."

"SHE POSSESSES  
THE POWER  
INFINITE."

"WITH SUCH  
MIGHT, ANY  
DULLARD  
WOULD  
EVENTUALLY  
PROVE  
VICTORIOUS!"



NOW EVERYTHING  
DEPENDS ON  
WARLOCK'S  
TIMING.

IT MUST BE  
PERFECT OR  
ALL IS LOST.



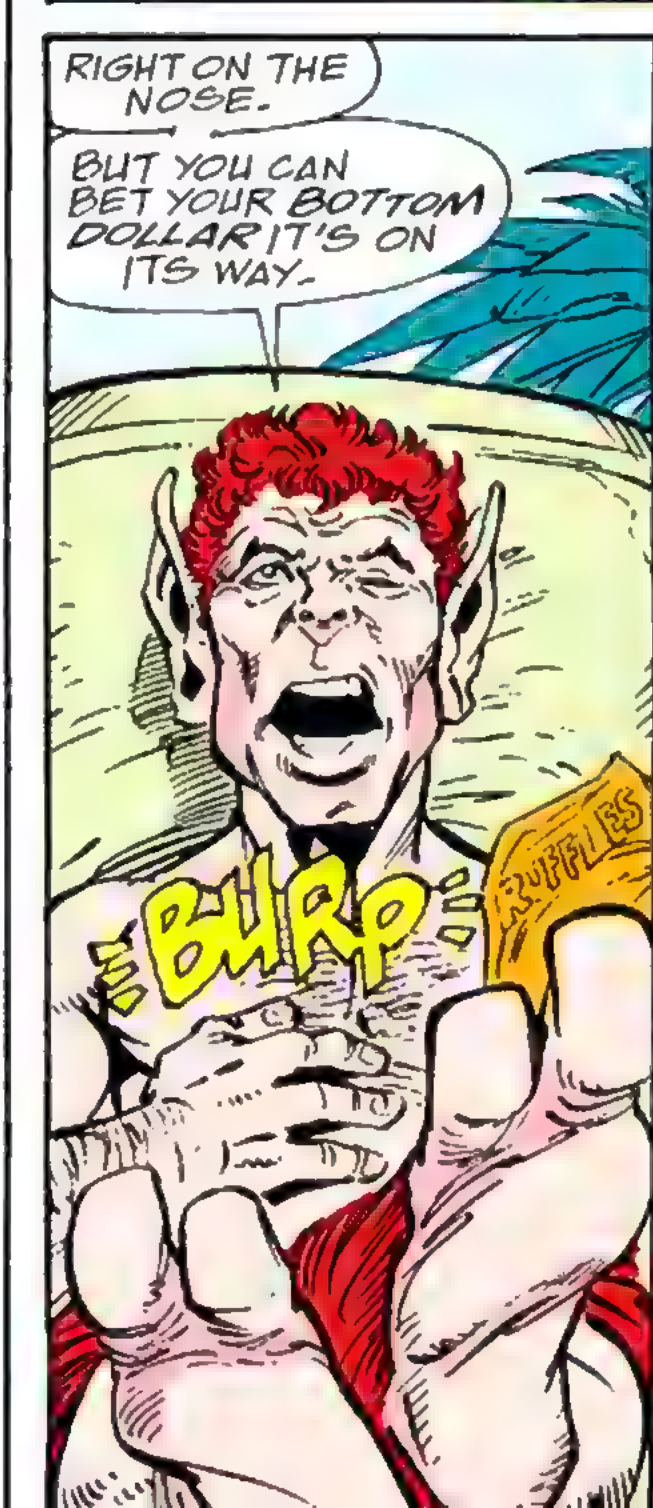
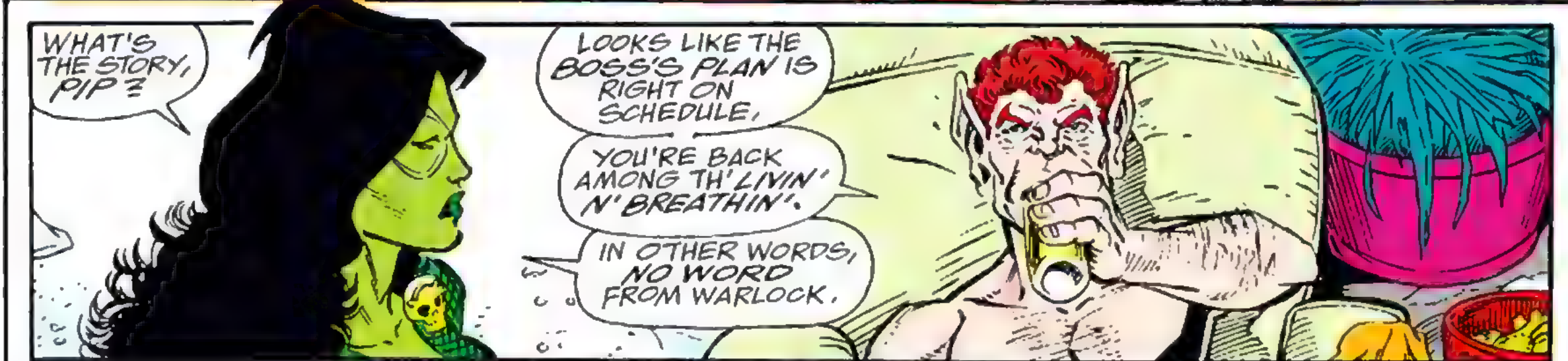
WARLOCK!

WHERE  
ARE YOU?

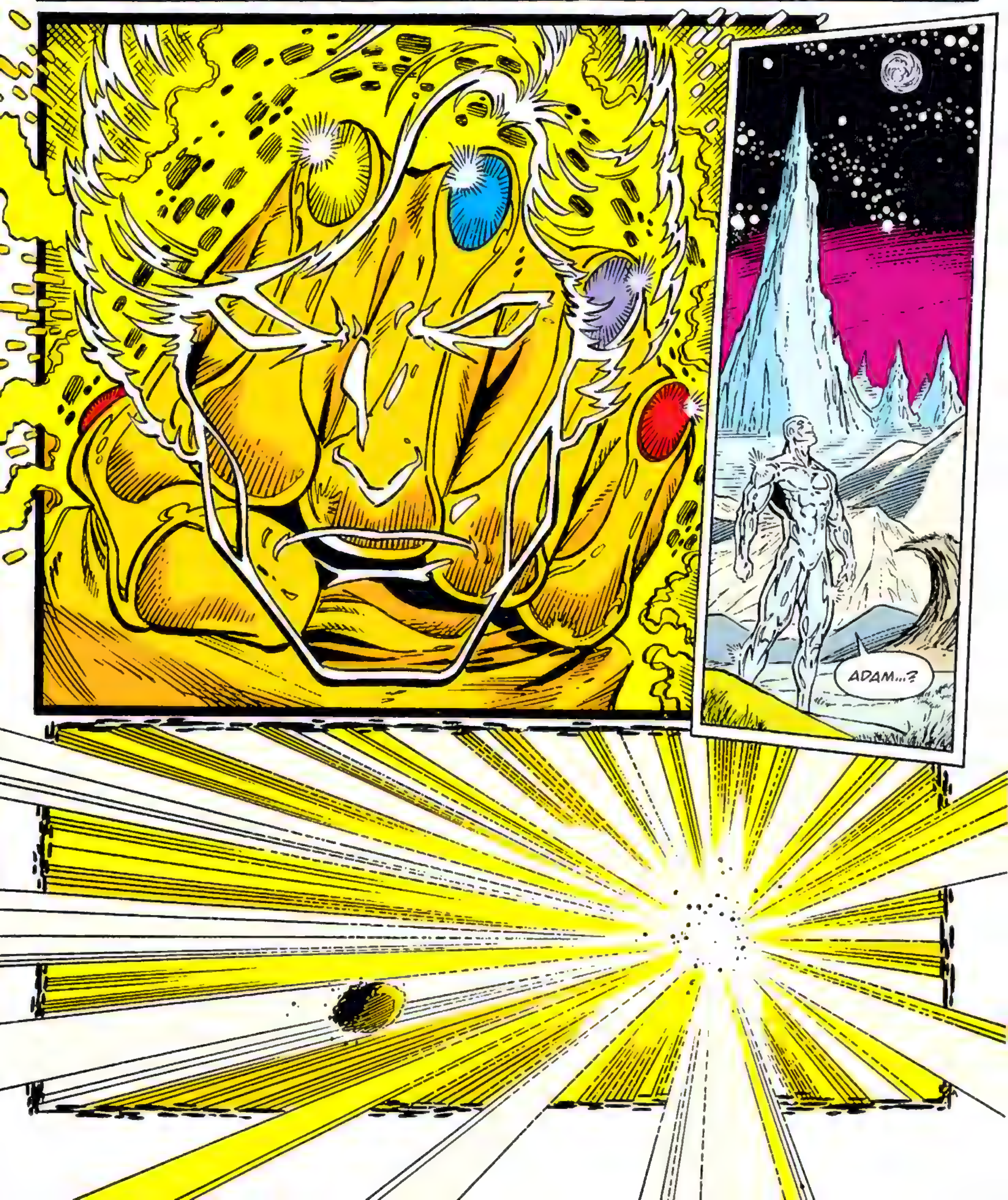


**NOWHERE!  
EVERYWHERE!  
AT ONE WITH THE  
UNIVERSE OF THE  
SOUL GEM!**

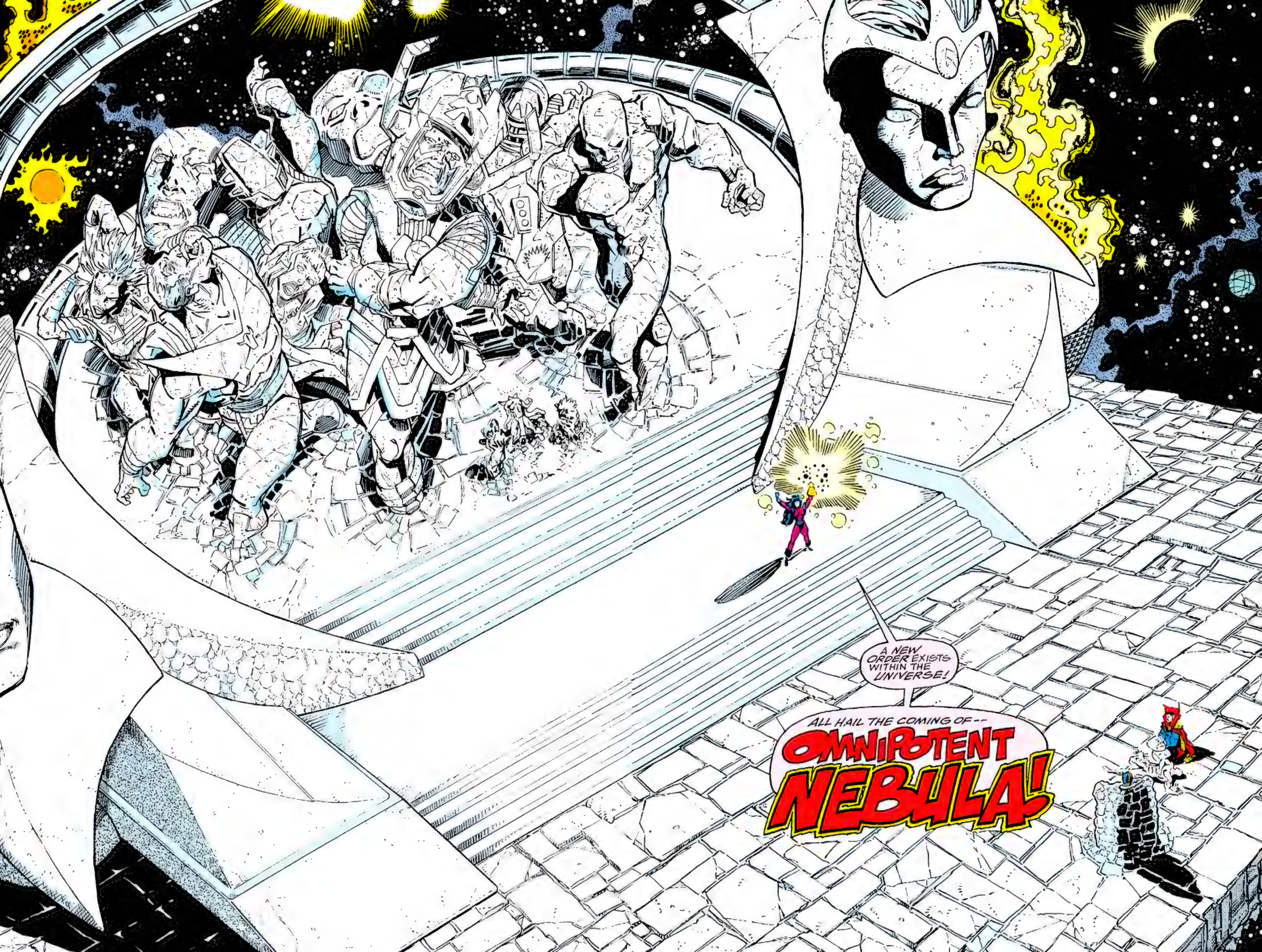










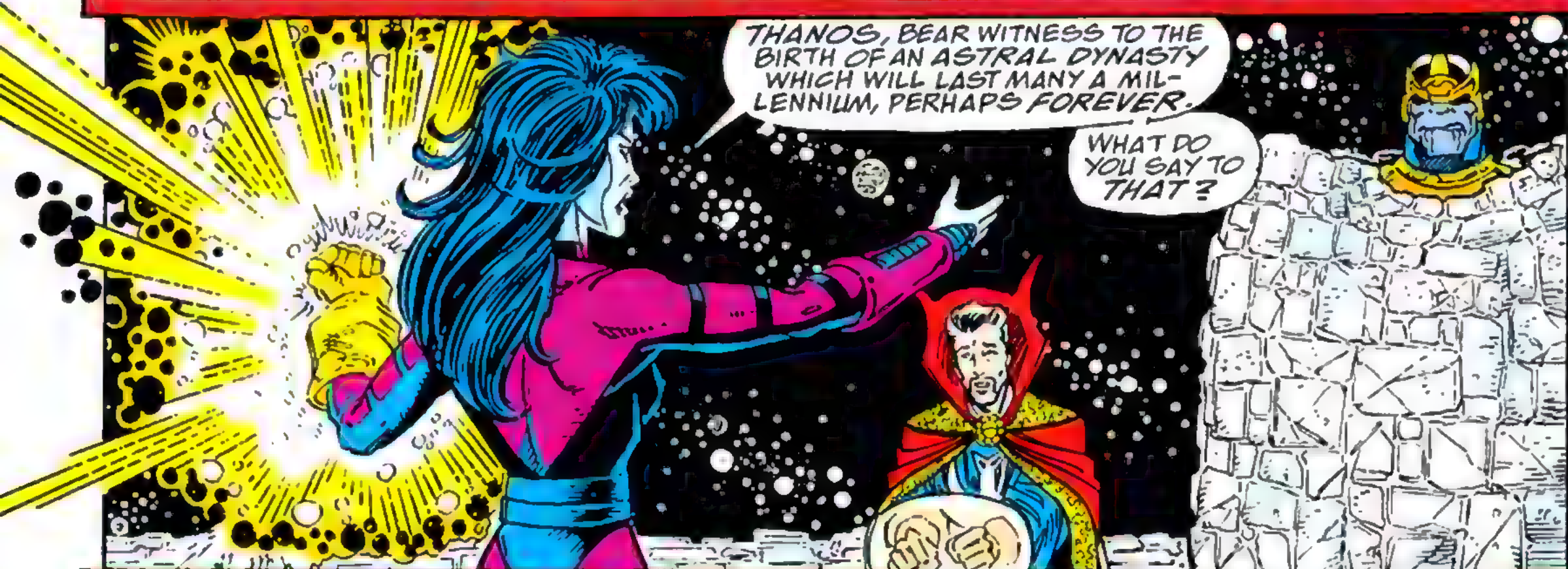


A NEW  
ORDER EXISTS  
WITHIN THE  
UNIVERSE!

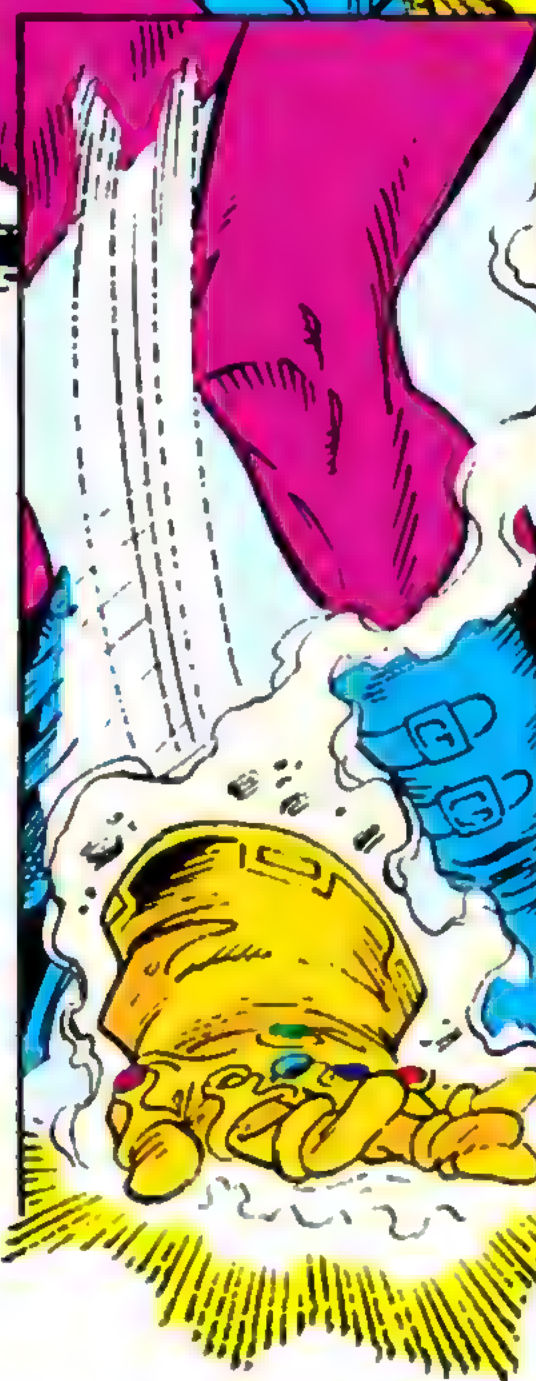
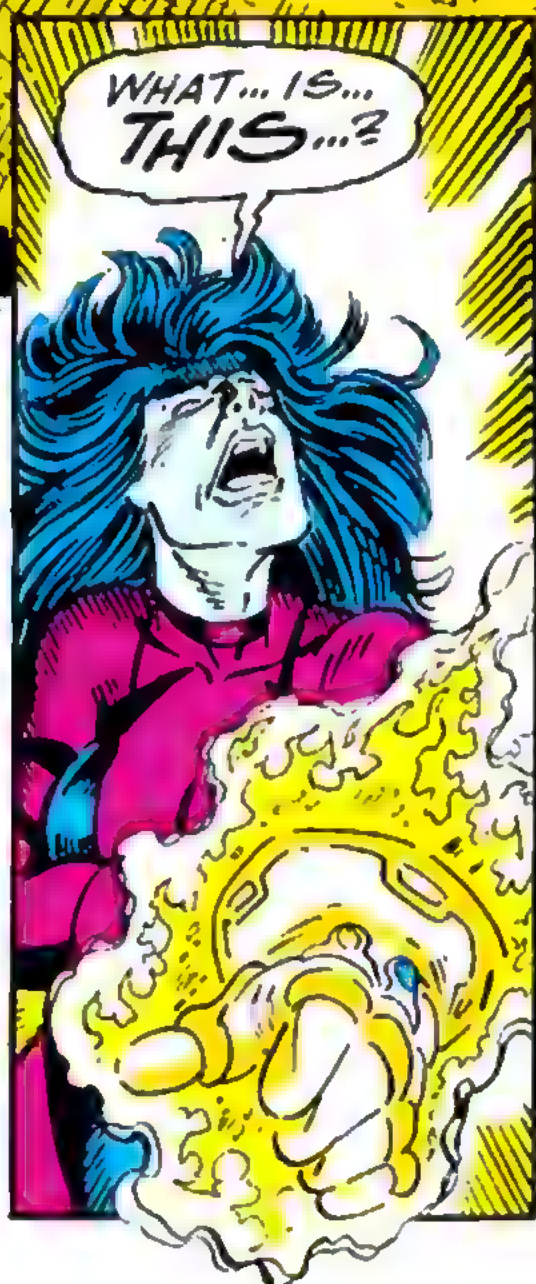
ALL HAIL THE COMING OF--  
**OMNIPOTENT  
NEBULA!**

ALL  
HAIL  
THE  
COMING  
OF--  
NEBULA!





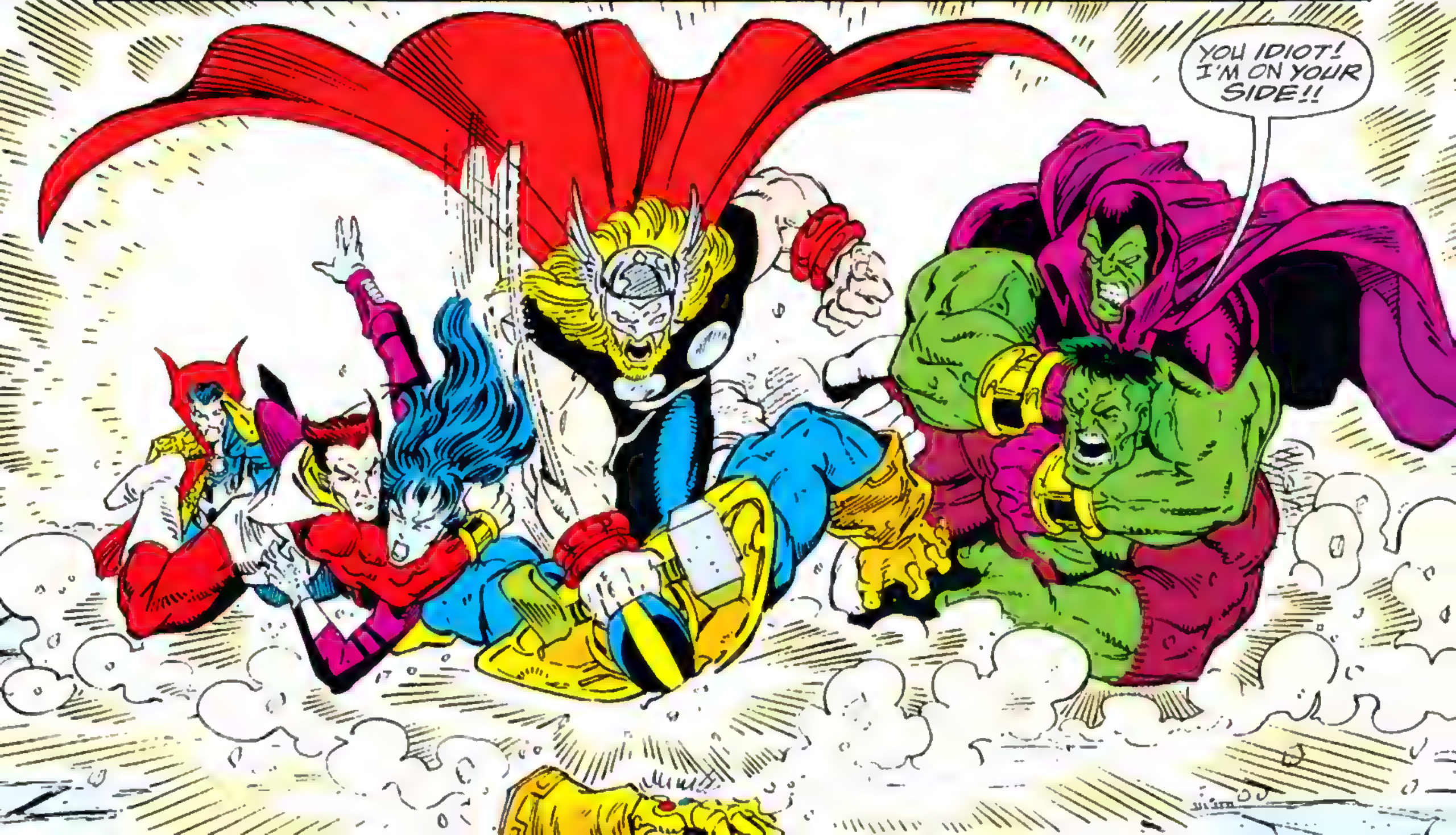
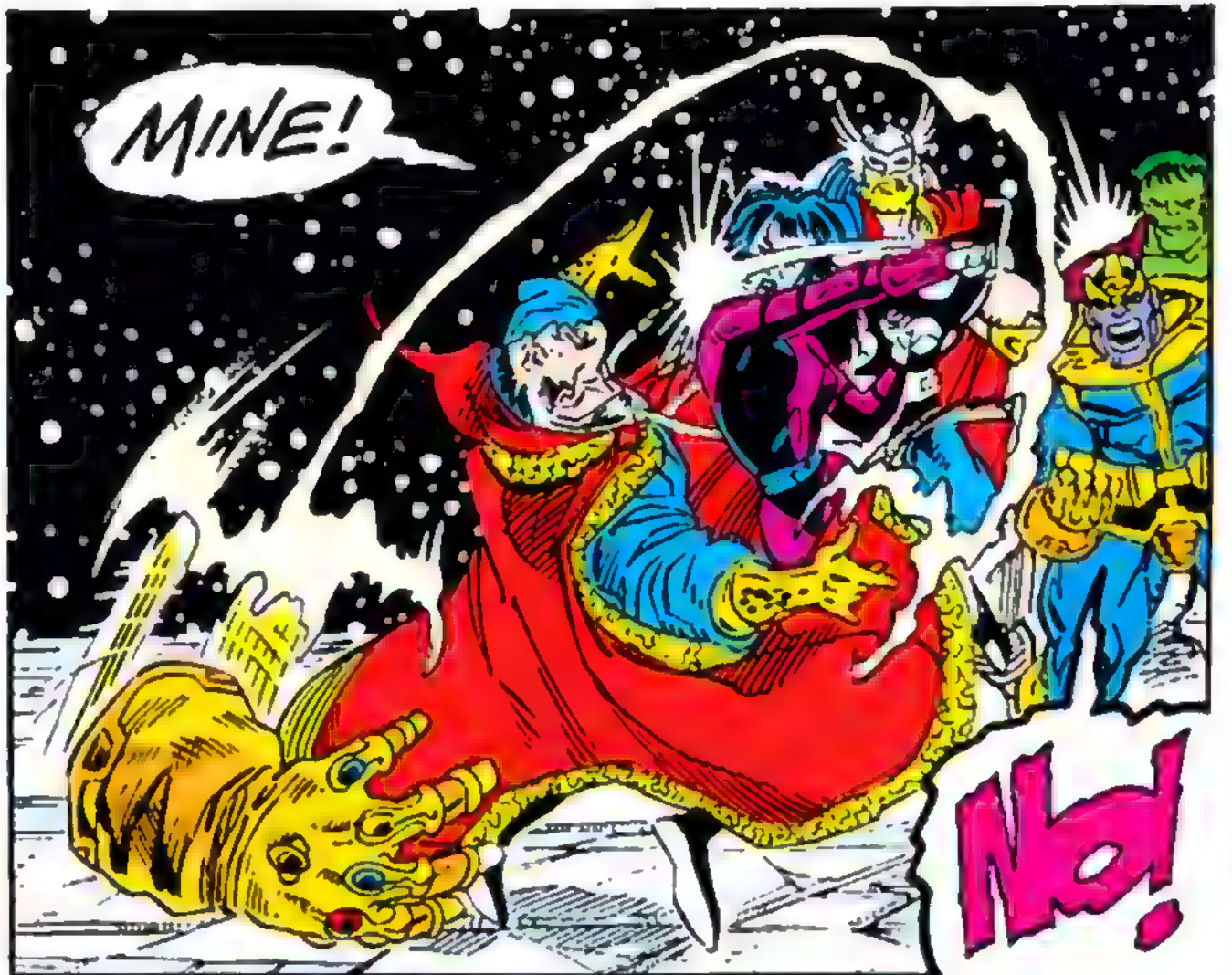
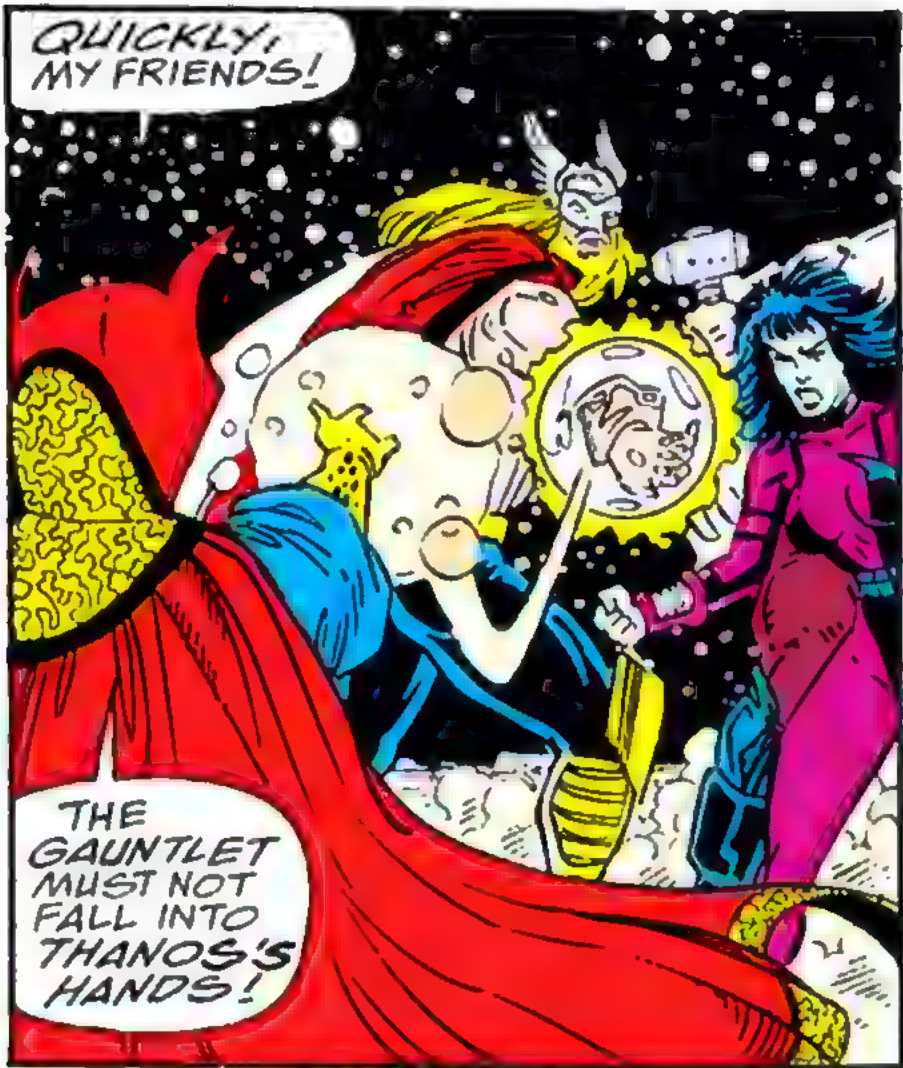




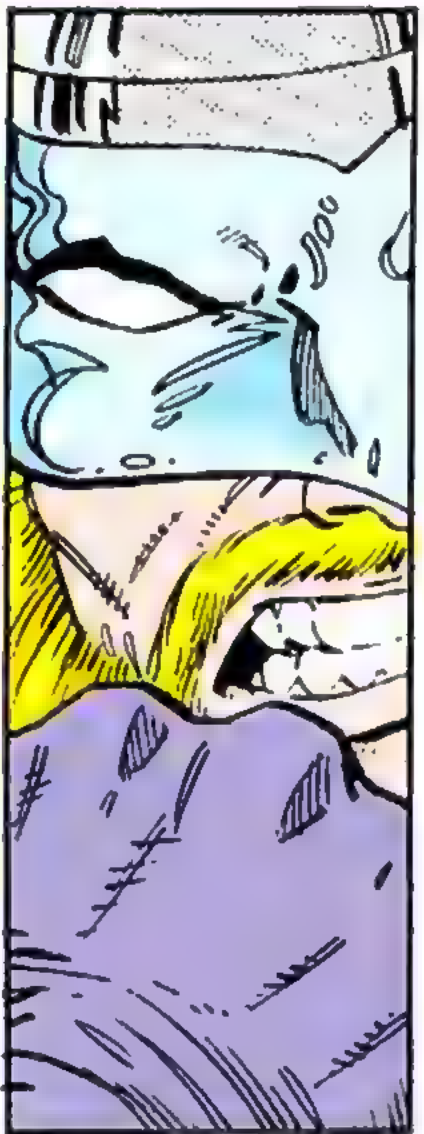
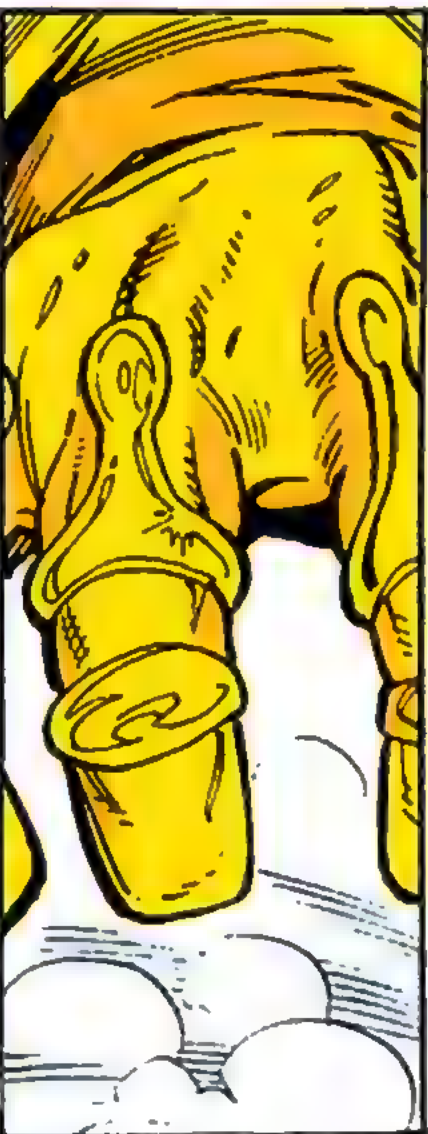
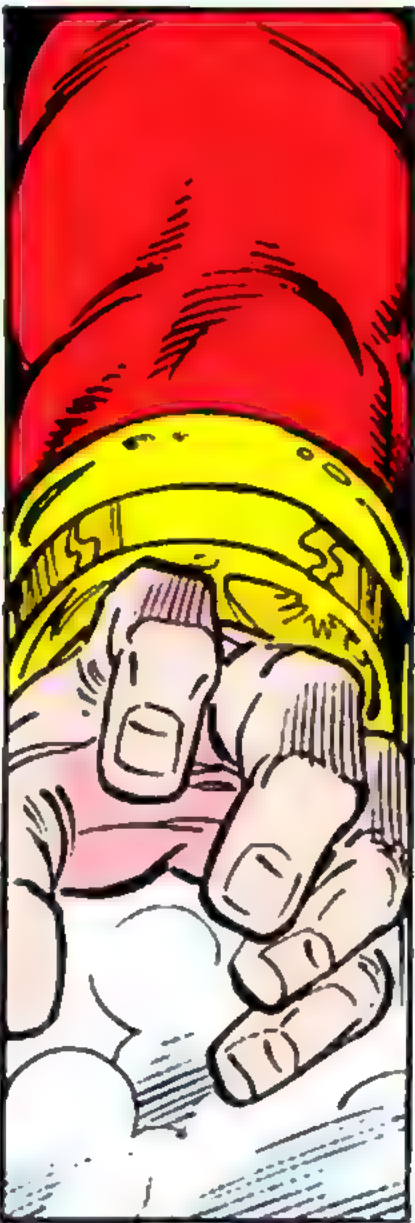
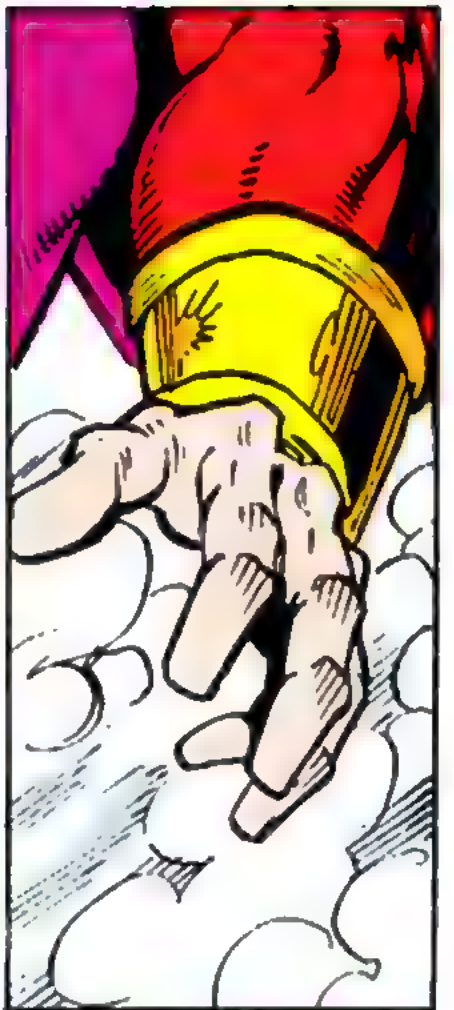
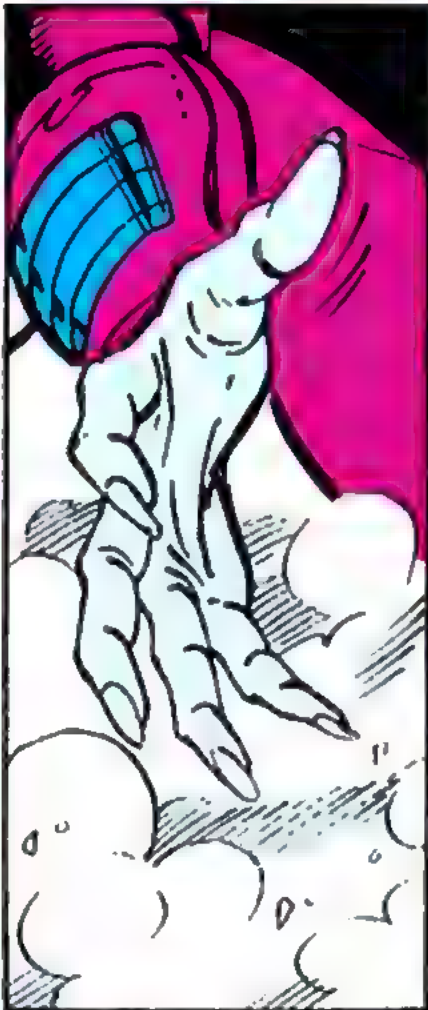
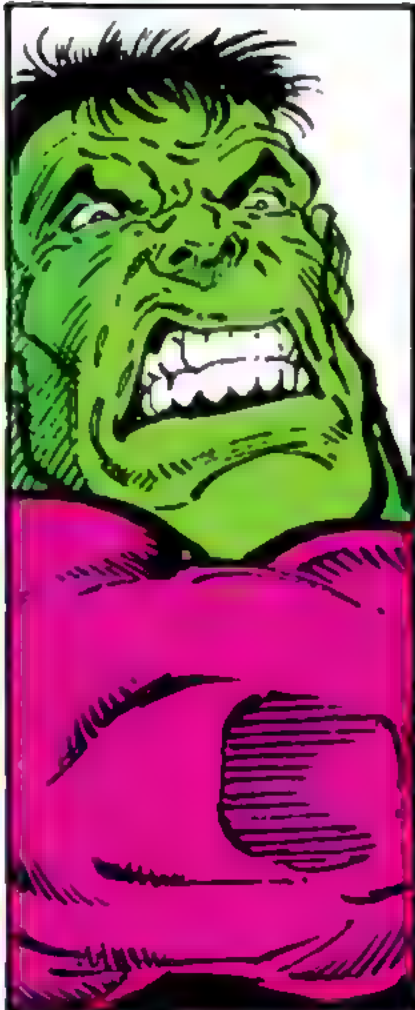












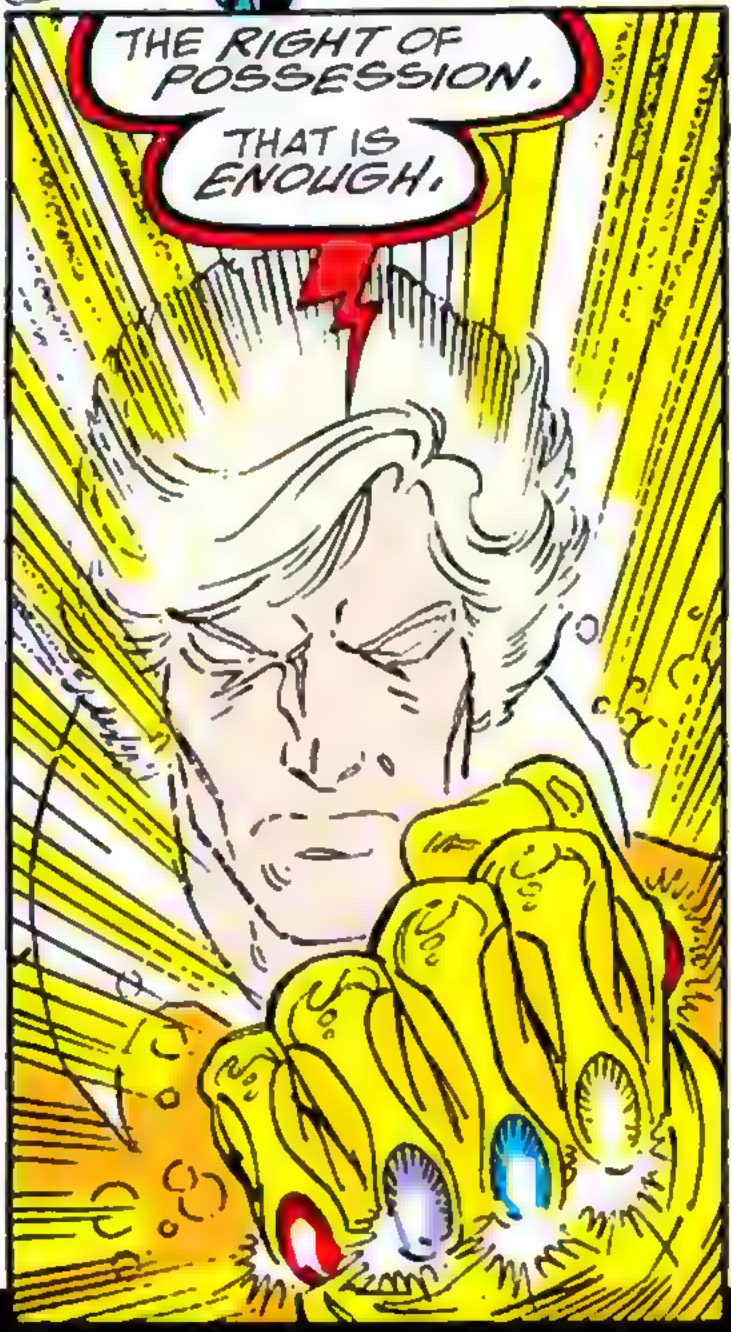








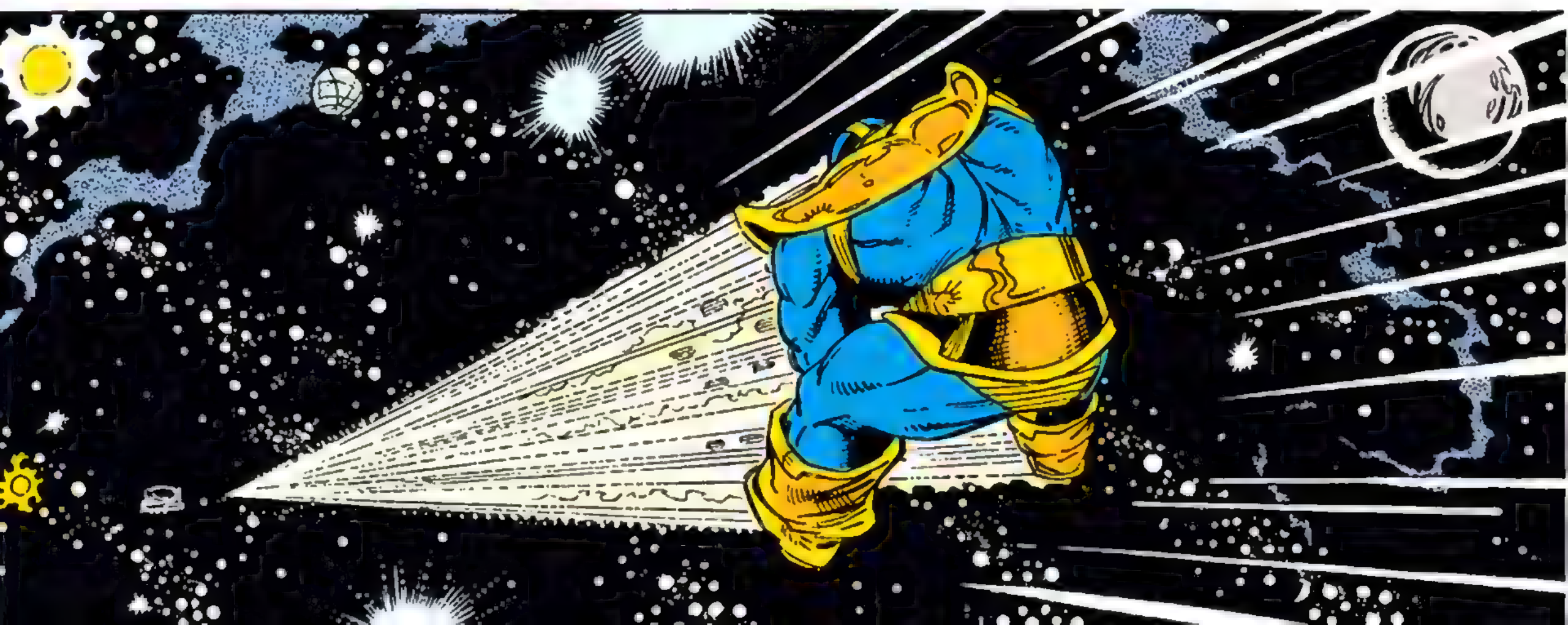
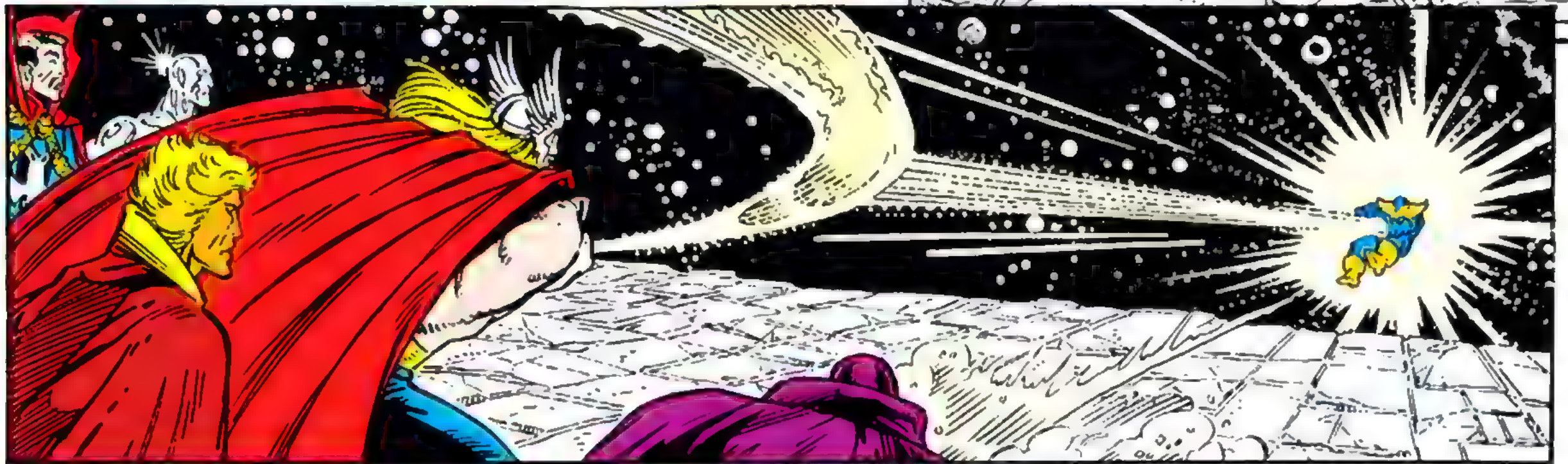
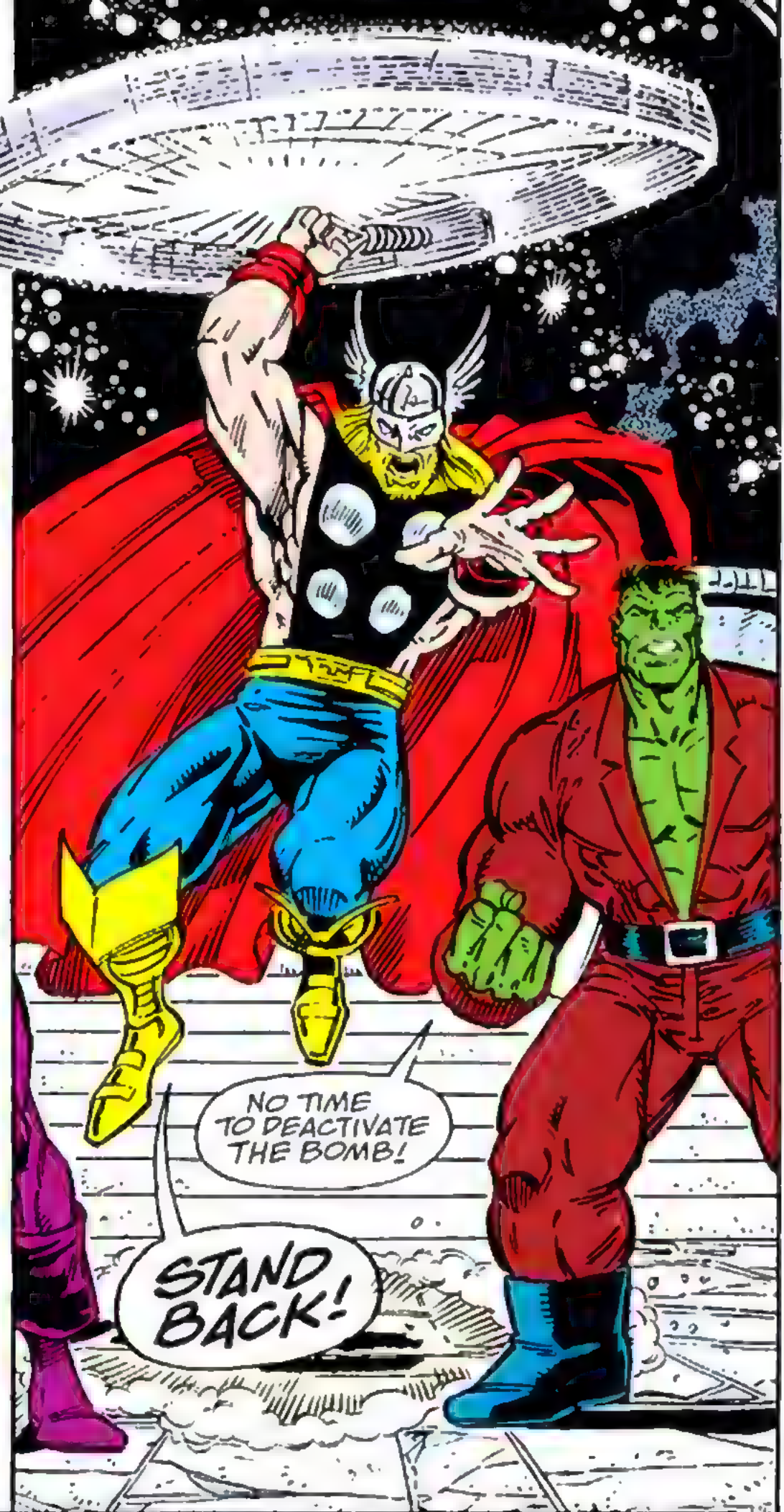
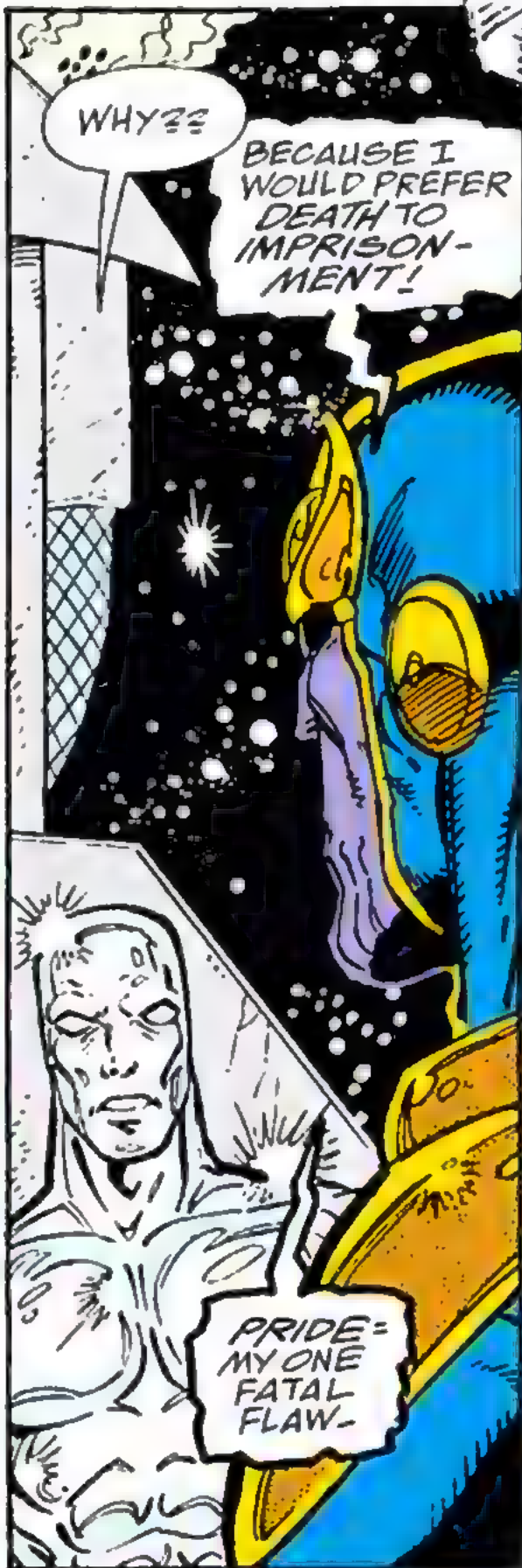
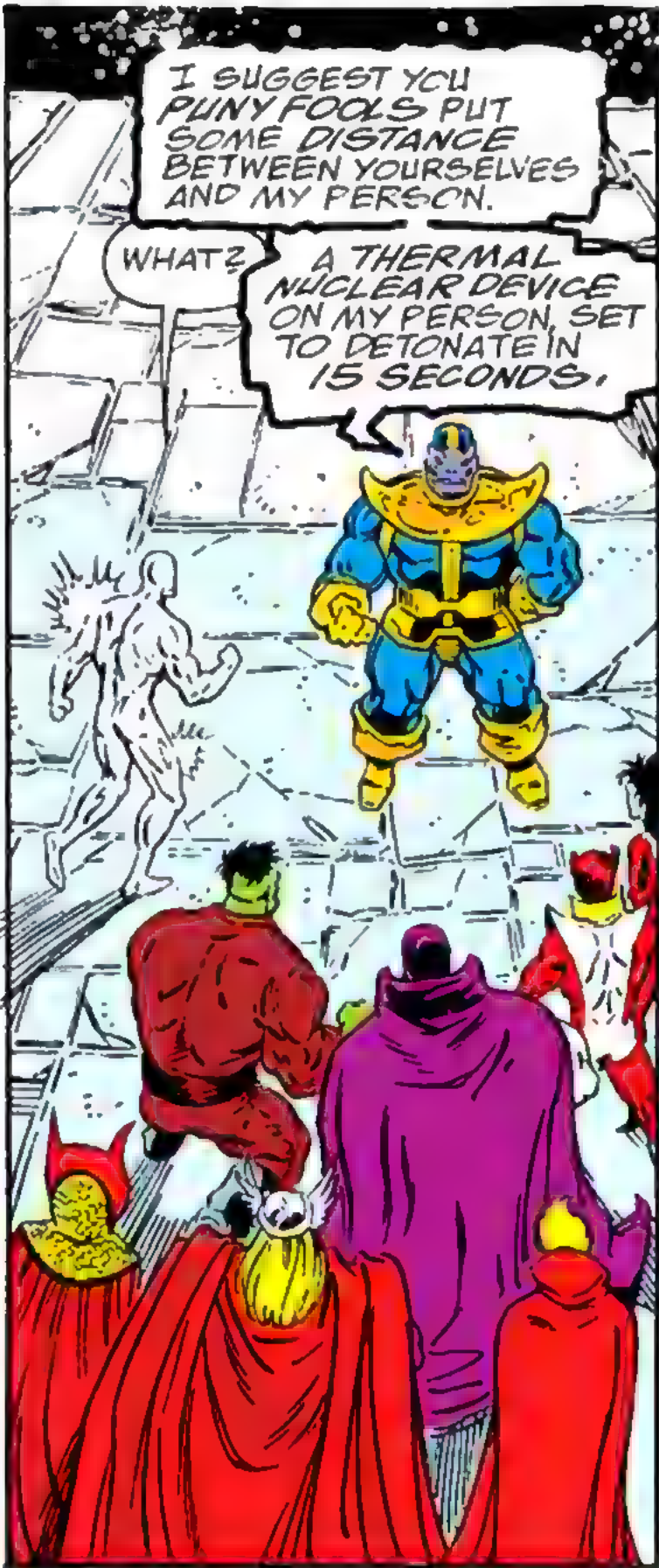
















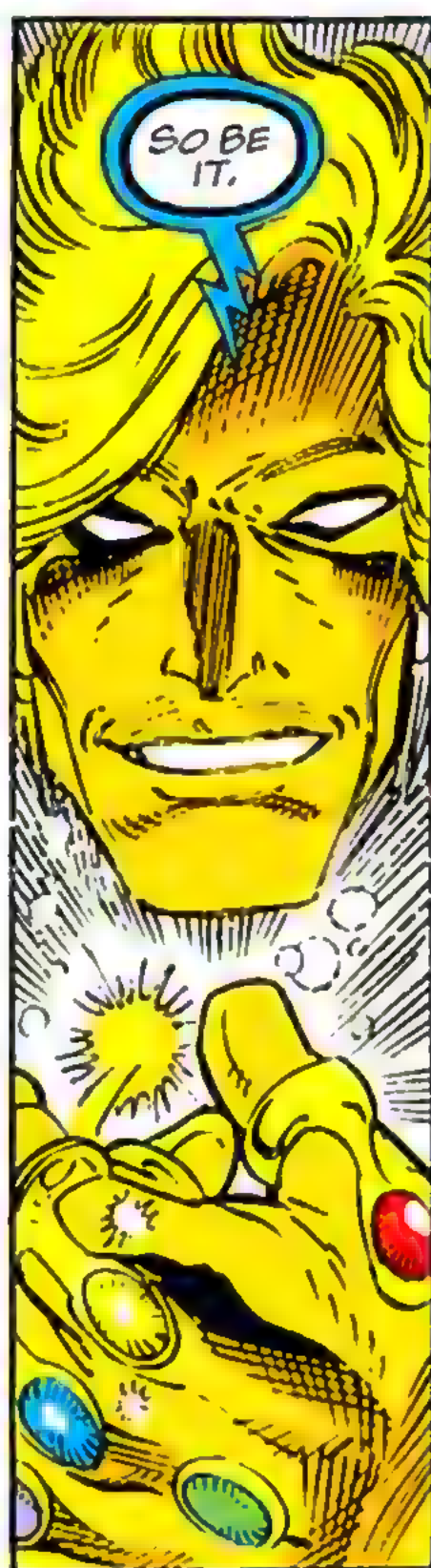
WHAT A WAY TO GO!!!

EXACTLY WHAT I WOULD HAVE EXPECTED OF THANOS.



I, AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOVEREIGN STATE OF TITAN, CLAIM CUSTODY OF NEBULA.

TITAN SHALL JUDGE AND IMPRISON HER.



SO BE IT.

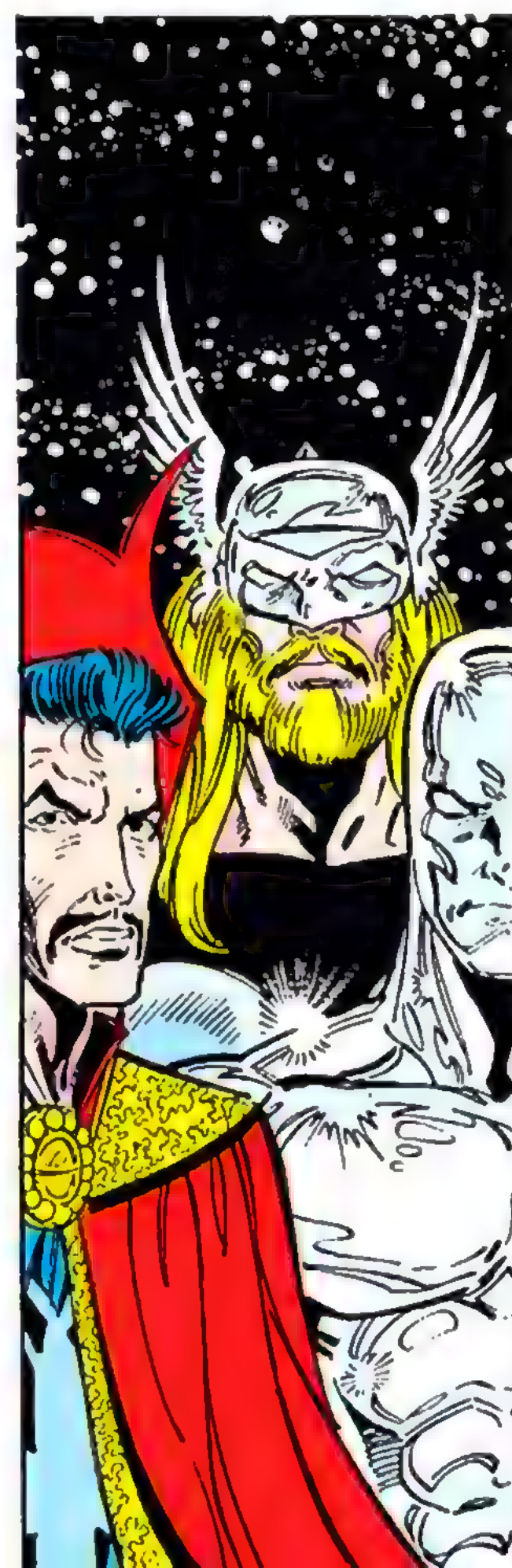
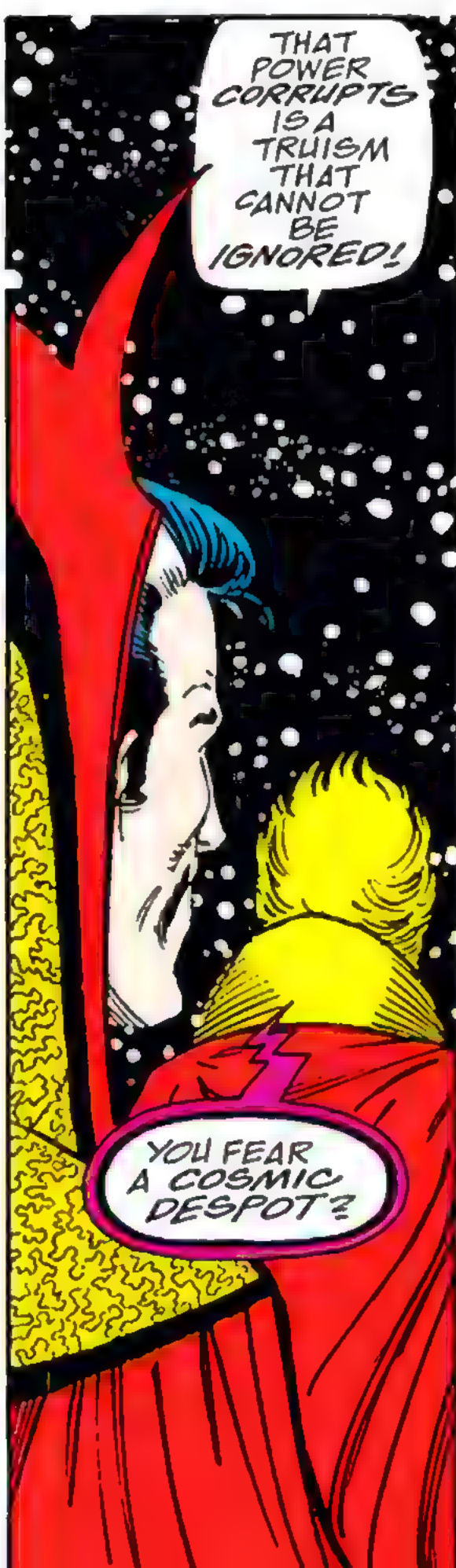
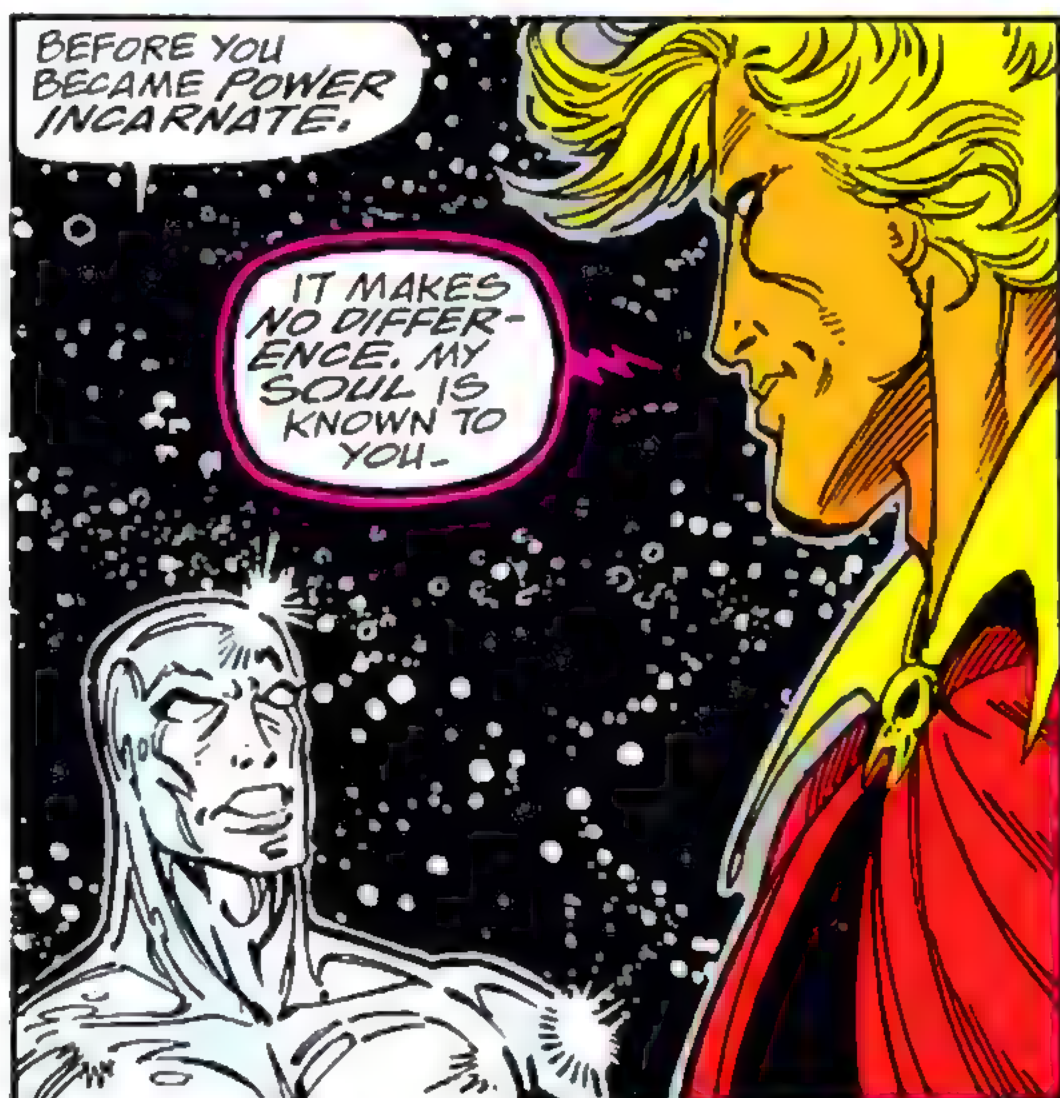
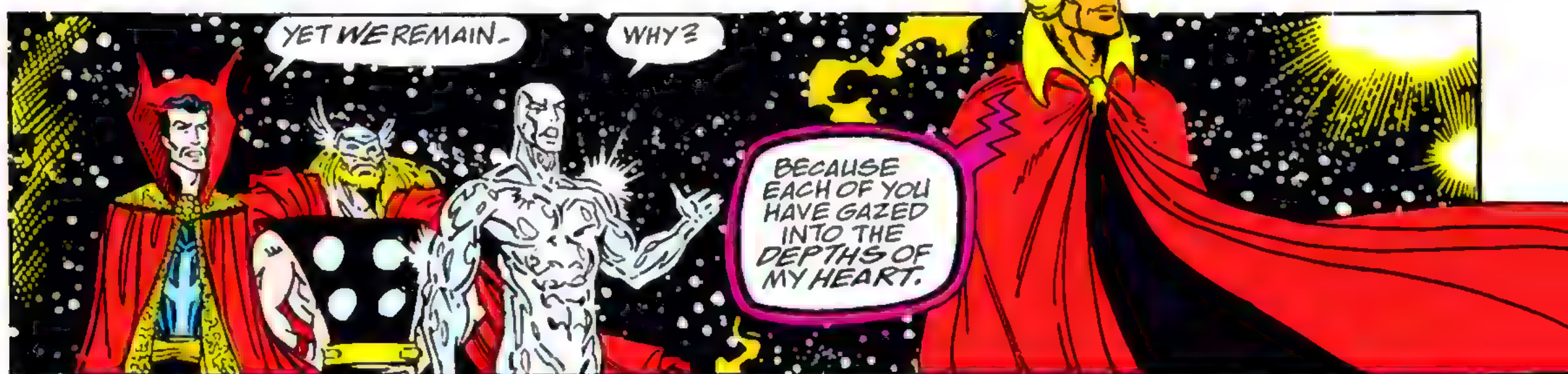


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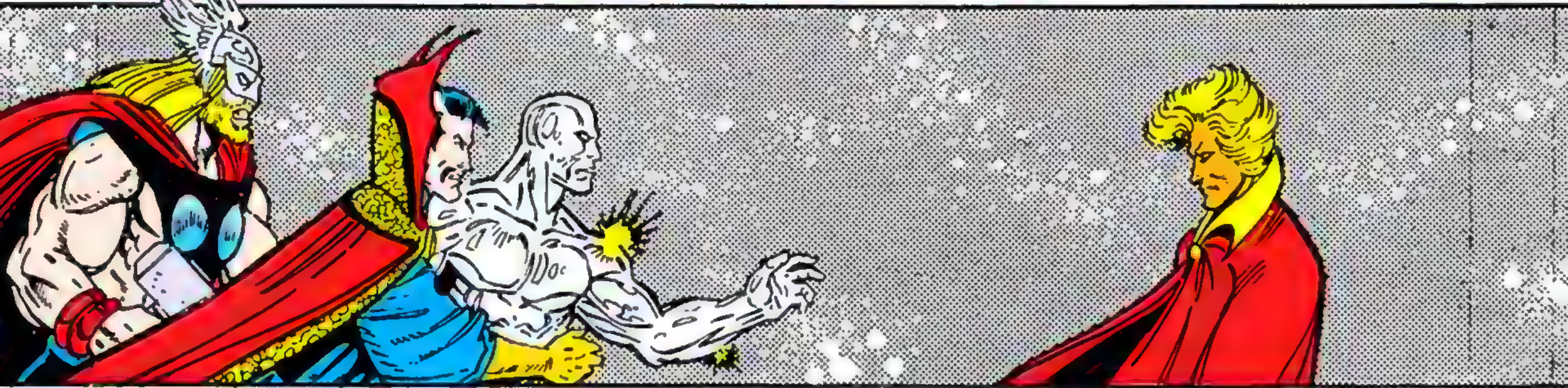
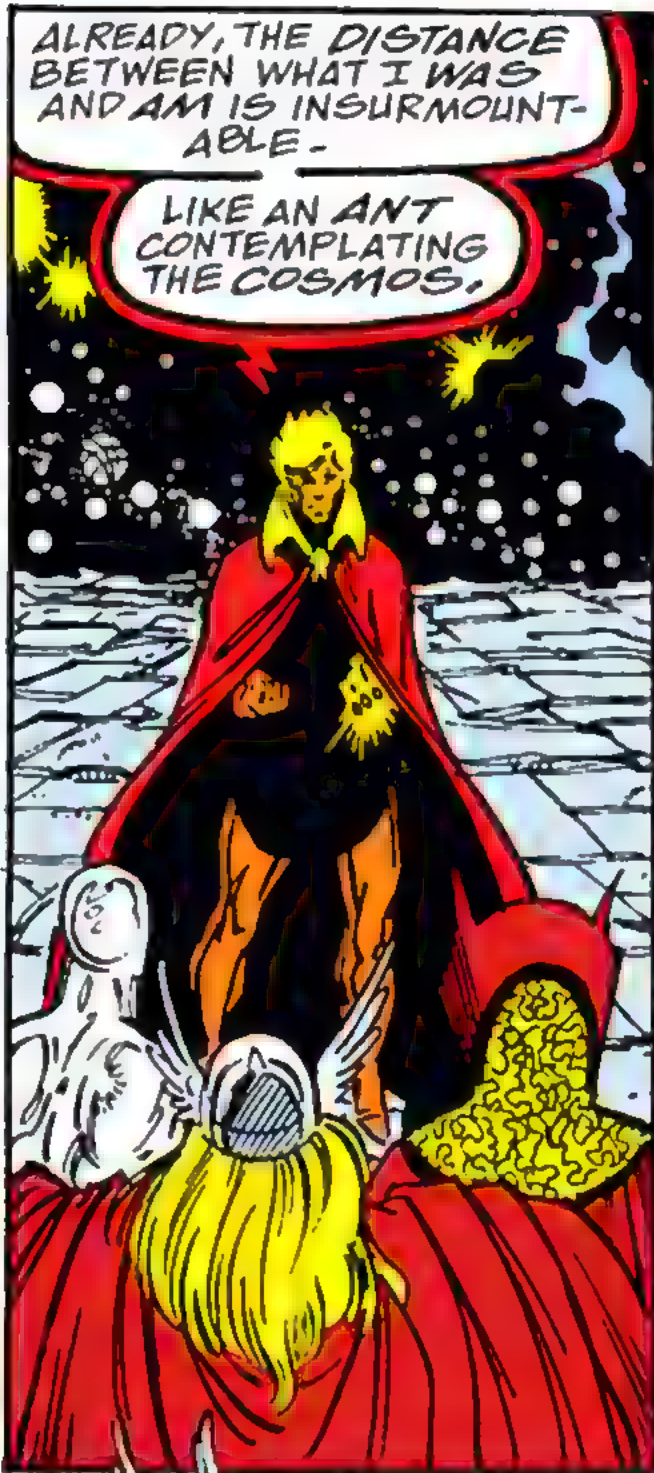
THE OTHERS...

GONE!

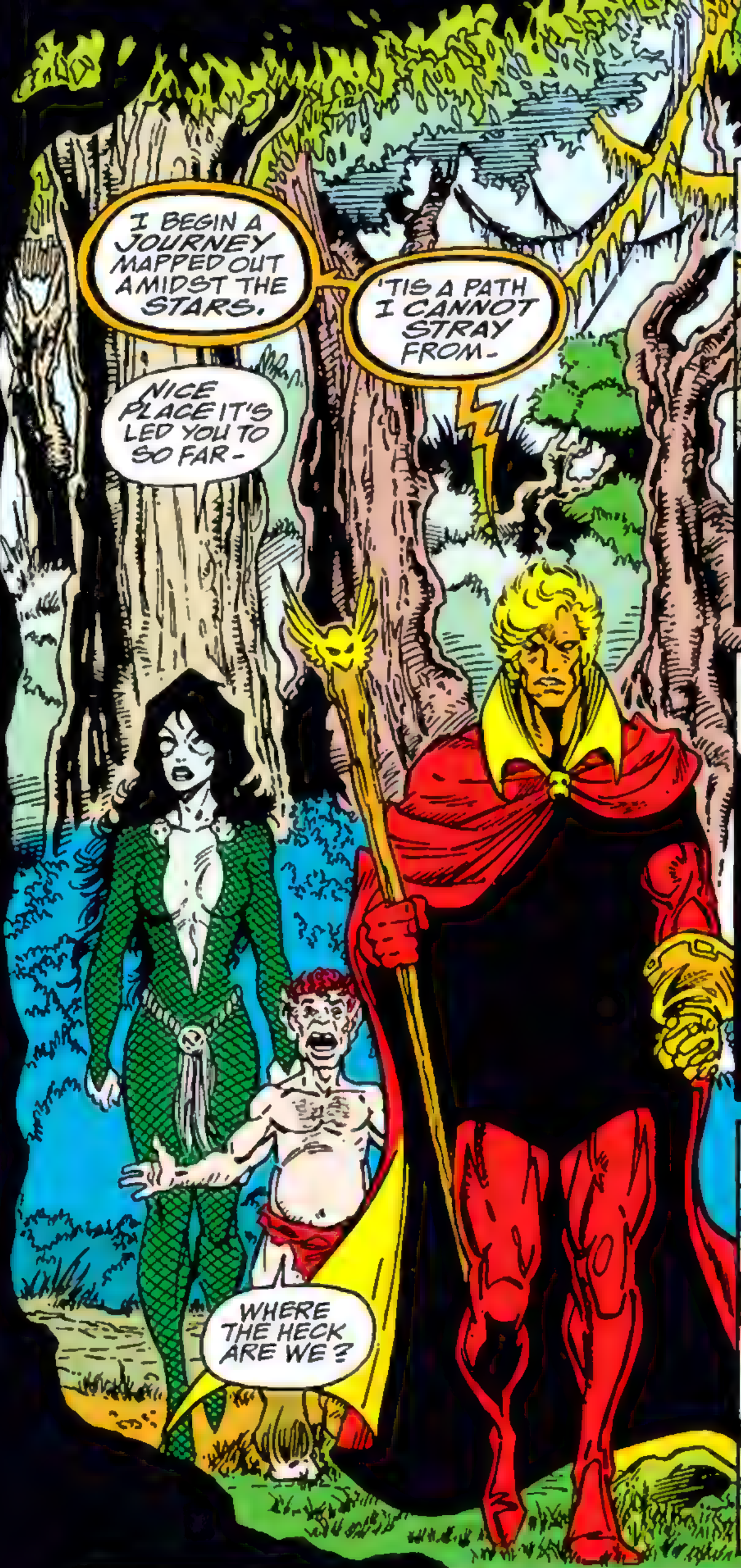












I BEGIN A JOURNEY MAPPED OUT AMIDST THE STARS.

'TIS A PATH I CANNOT STRAY FROM.

NICE PLACE IT'S LED YOU TO SO FAR -

WHERE THE HECK ARE WE?

60 DAYS INTO THE FUTURE ON AN UNNAMED PLANET.

THAT WORD NO LONGER HOLDS ANY MEANING FOR ME.

IMPOSSIBLE.

SO WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE?

PAYING A VISIT.

ON WHO AND WHY?

WHY?

BECAUSE IT IS WHAT I ALWAYS DO AFTER BECOMING GOD.

ALWAYS?

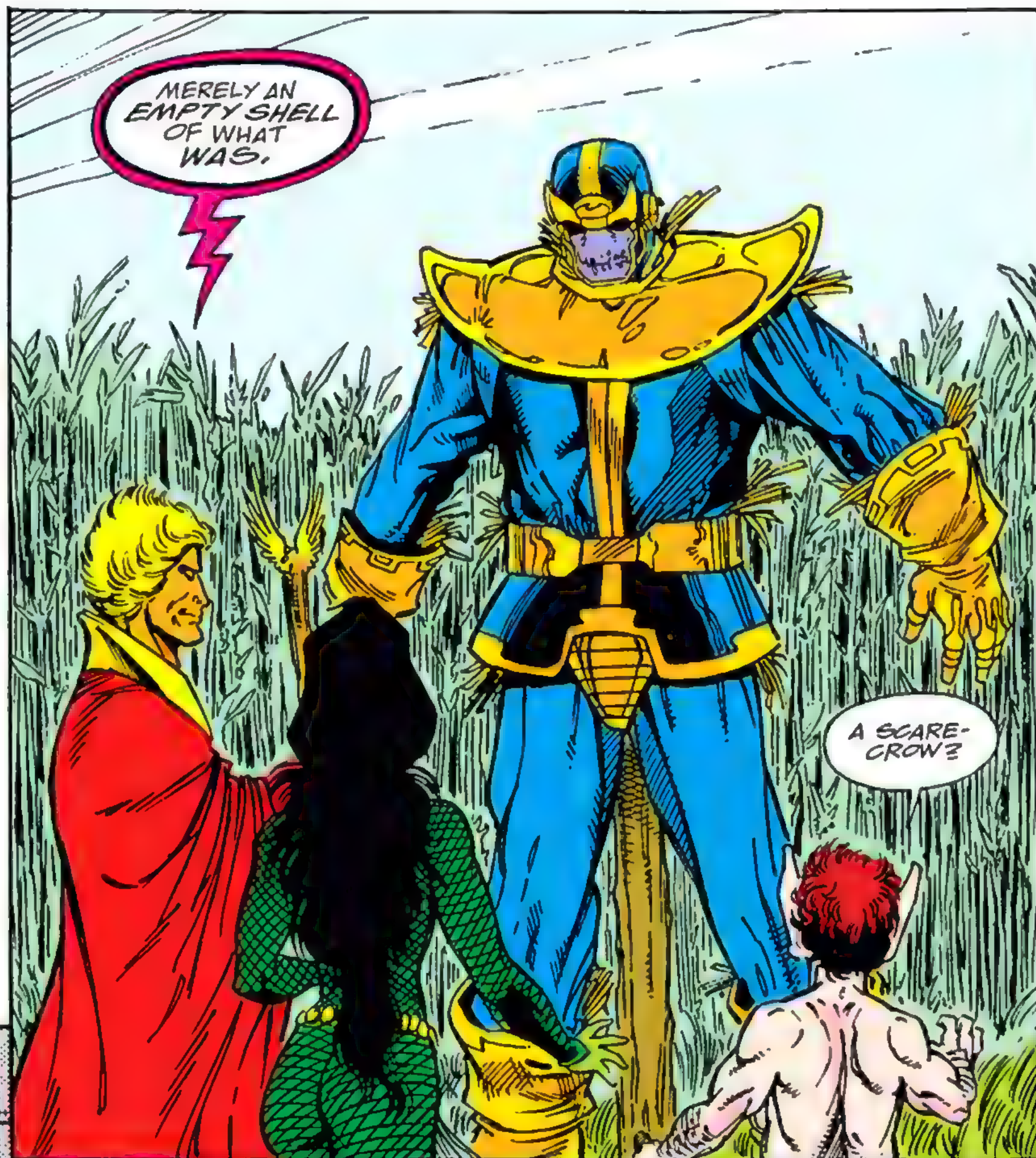
TIME IS A REPEATING LOOP TO ME NOW.

LOOK!

"THANOS!"







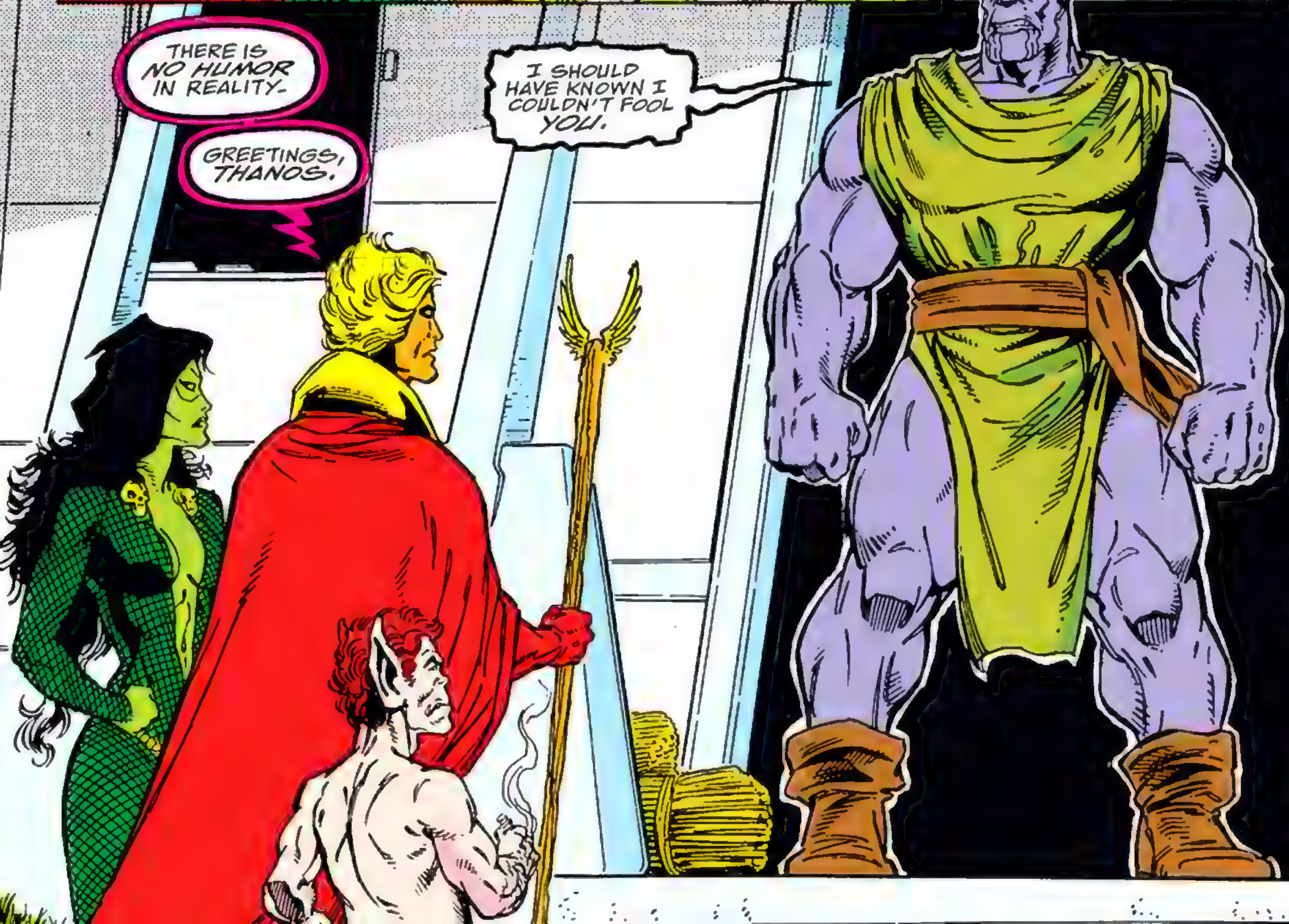
MERELY AN  
EMPTY SHELL  
OF WHAT  
WAS.

A SCARE-  
CROW?



THAT  
HOUSE?

YOU'VE  
GOT TO BE  
KIDDING.

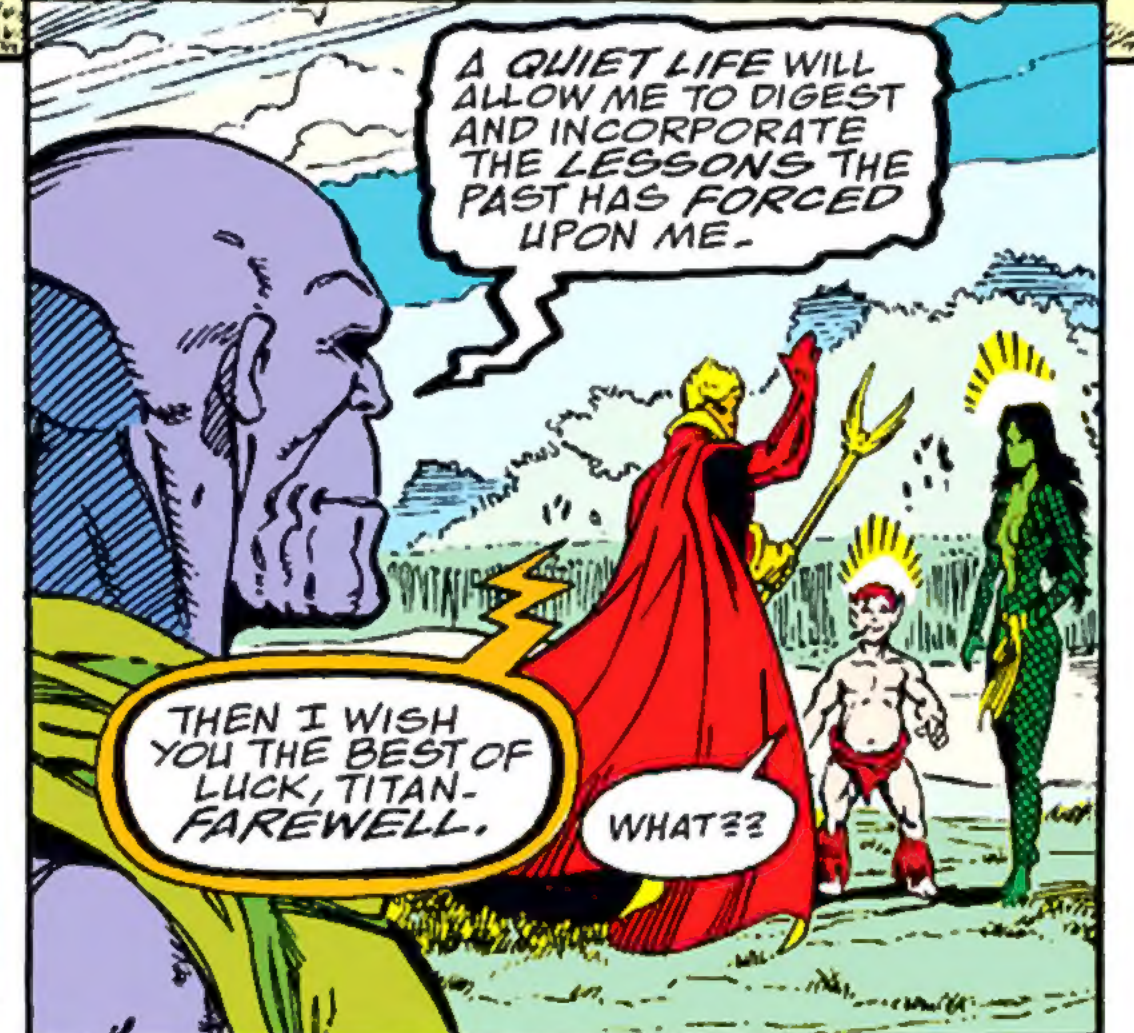
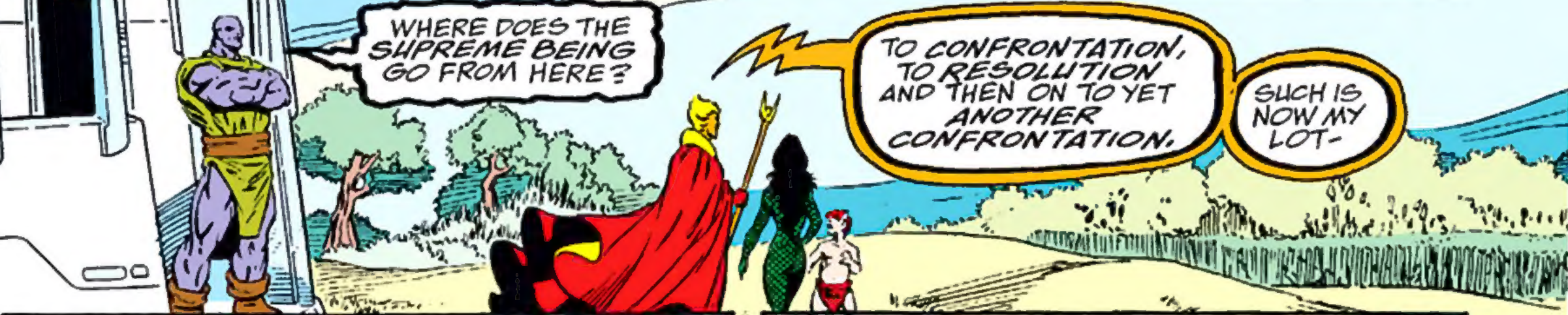
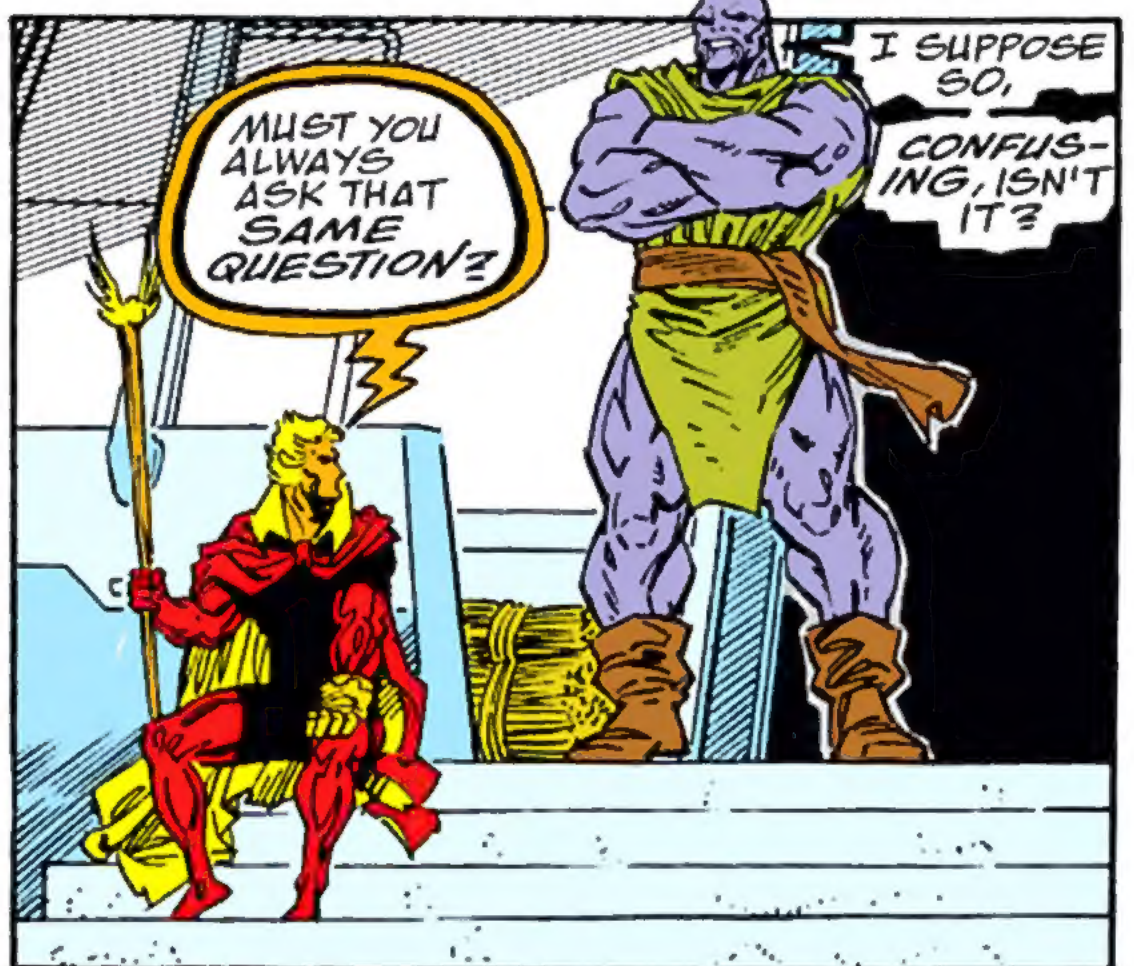
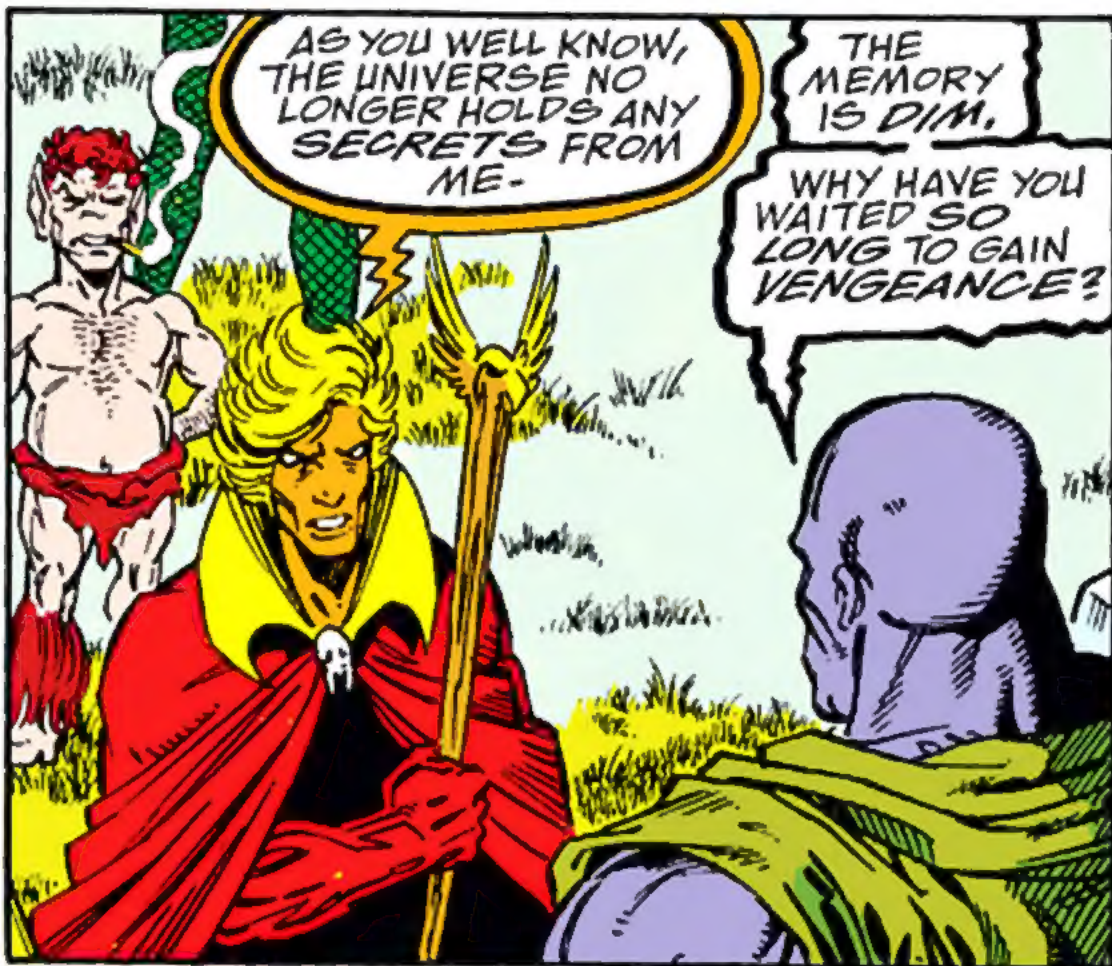


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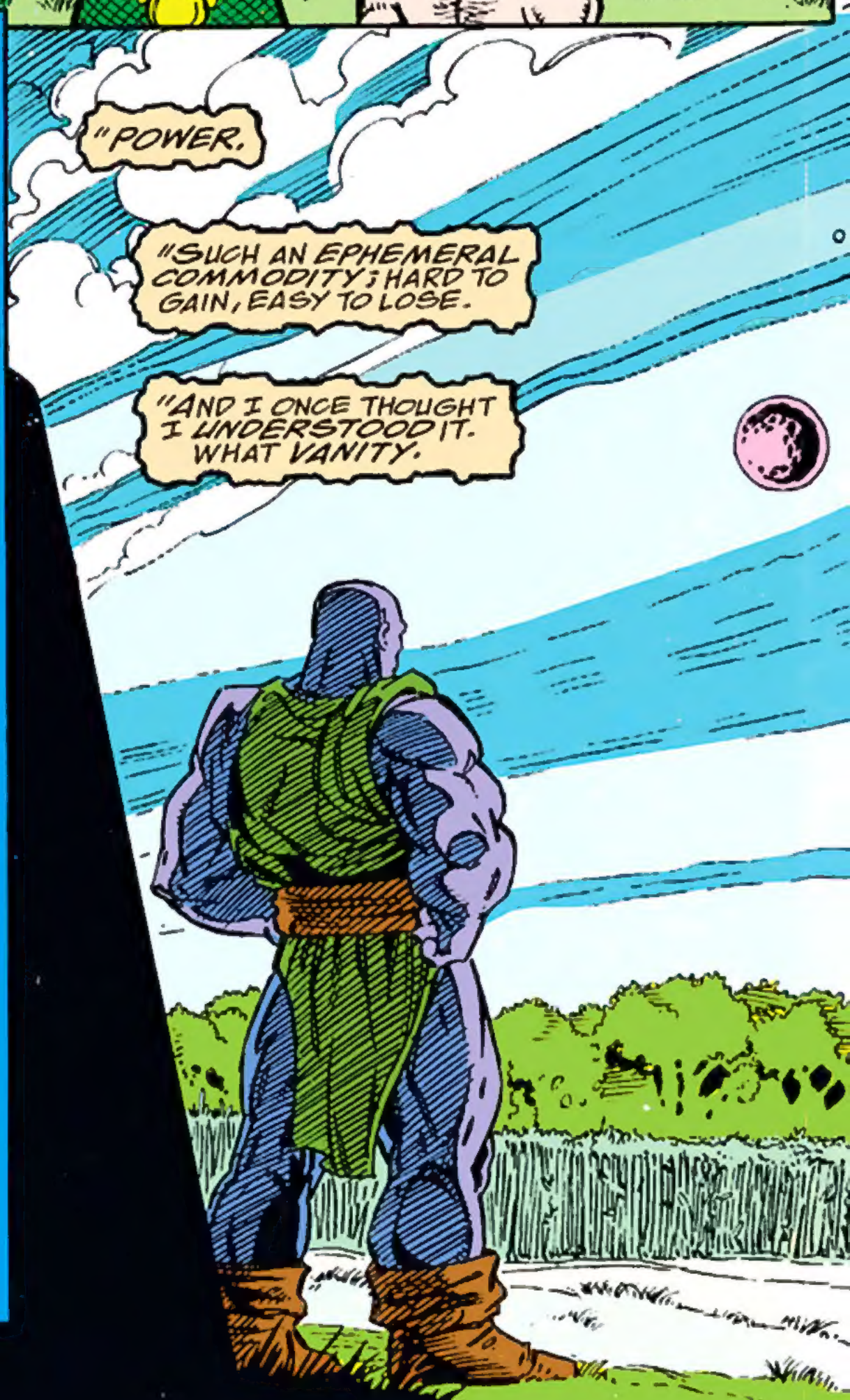
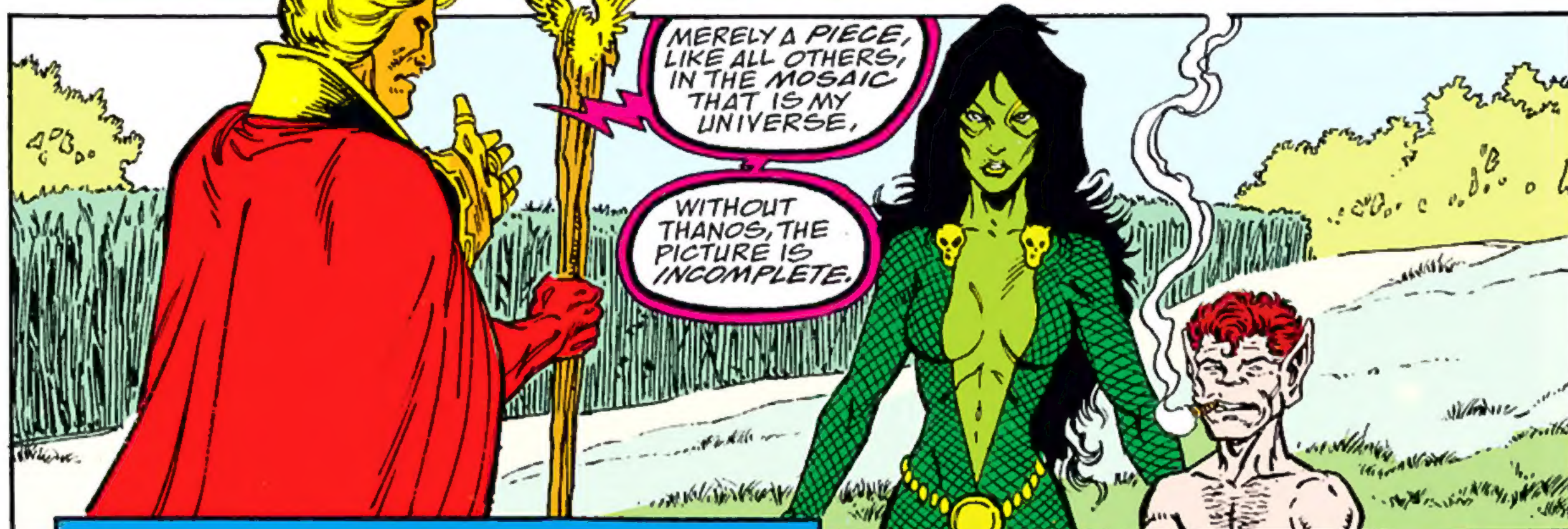
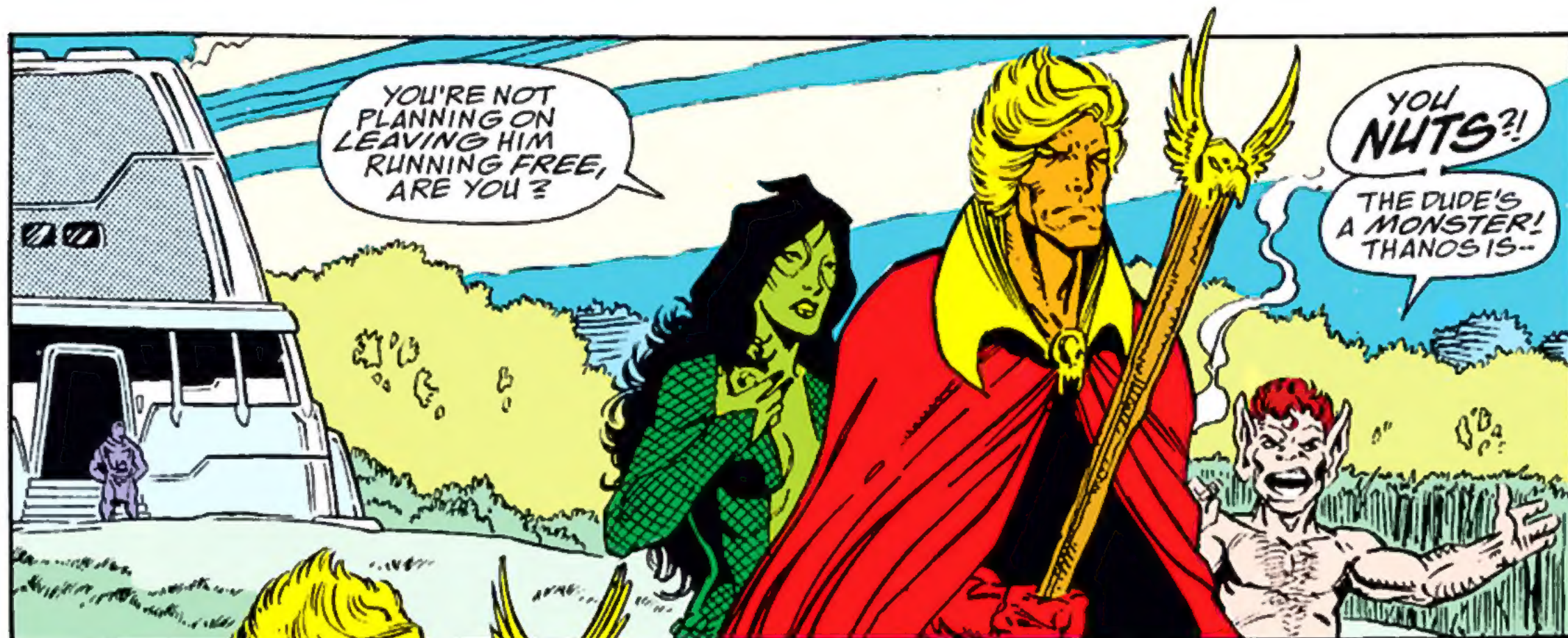
GREETINGS,  
THANOS.

I SHOULD  
HAVE KNOWN I  
COULDN'T FOOL  
YOU.











"ADAM WARLOCK, A BEING WHO WISHED NOTHING MORE THAN TO SPEND THE REST OF HIS DAYS WITHIN THE PEACEFUL ENVIRONMENT OF THE SOUL GEM.

"HE NOW POSSESSES THE INFINITE POWER AND ALL THE RESPONSIBILITY THAT GOES ALONG WITH IT.



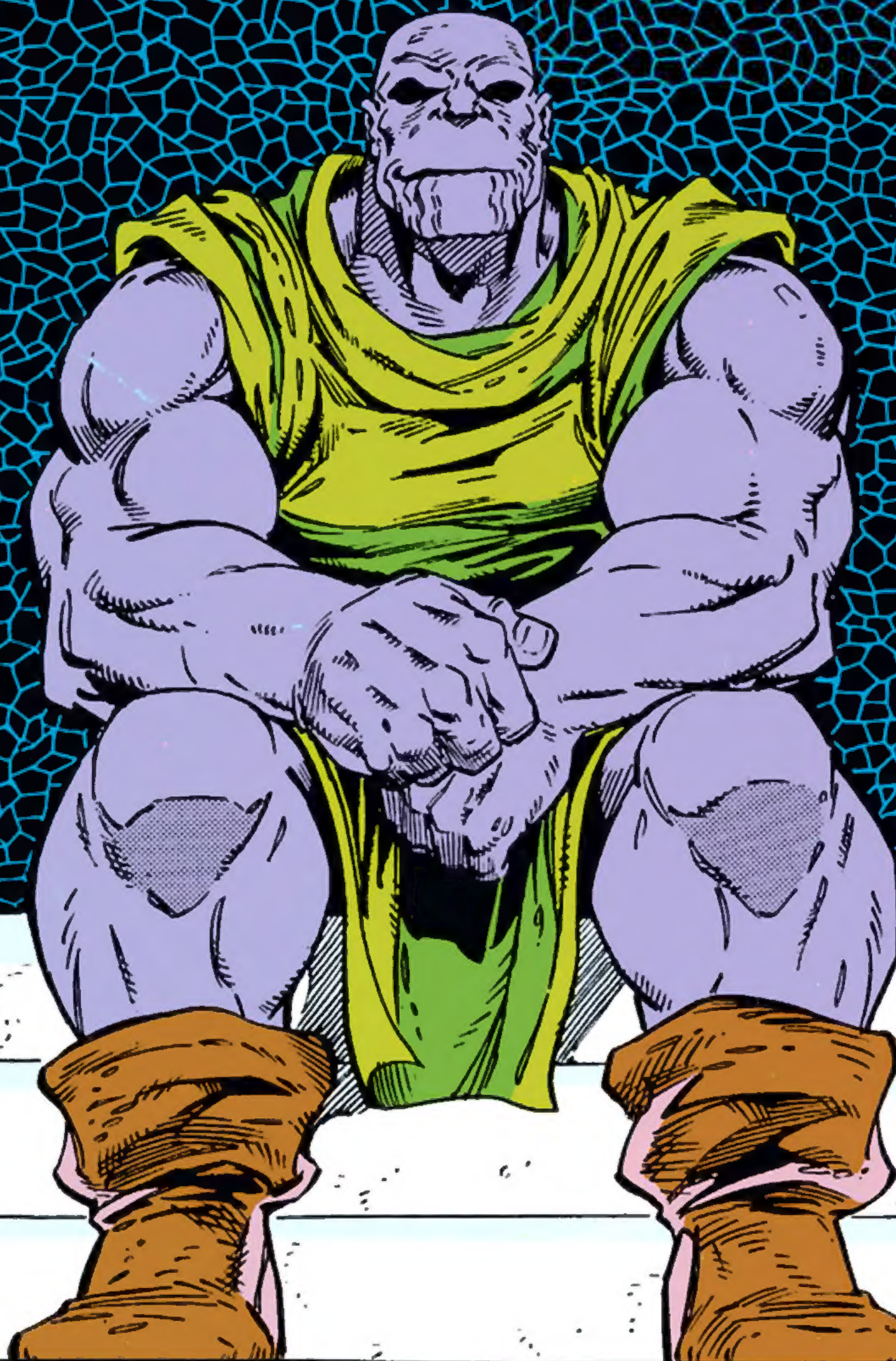
"WHILE I, WHOSE ENTIRE LIFE WAS DEDICATED TO THE PURSUIT OF POWER, NOW FIND MYSELF SCRAPING OUT A LIVING FROM THE SOIL.



"IRONY WORTHY OF THE DRAMA.

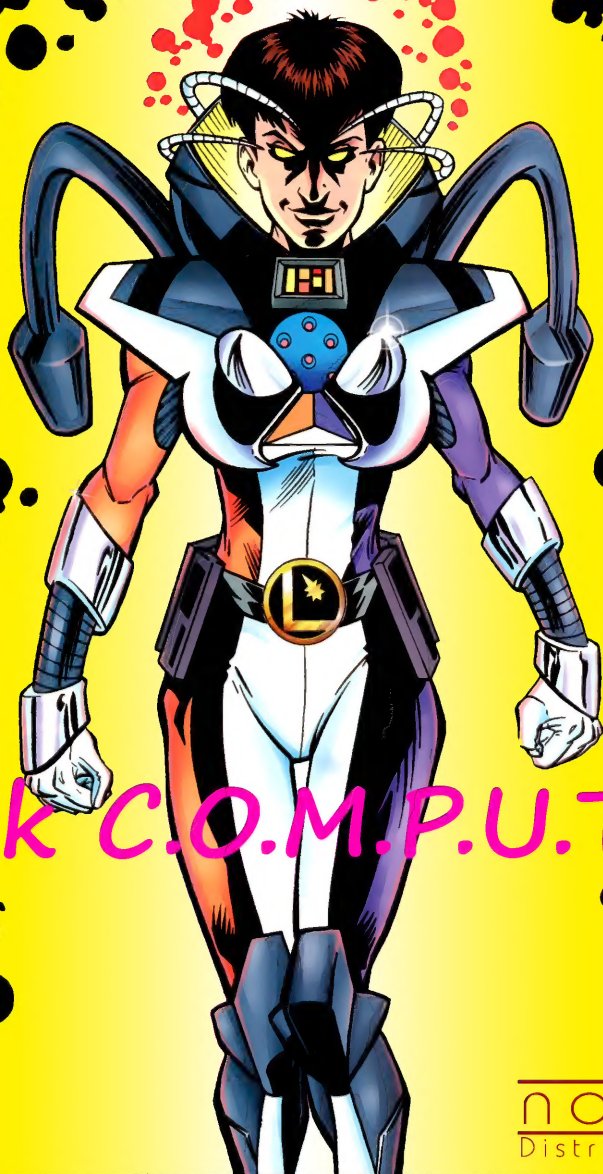
"YET STRANGELY ENOUGH THOUGH, I ENVY NOT ADAM WARLOCK.

"SOMEHOW I FEEL, THAT IN THE LONG RUN, THANOS OF TITAN CAME OUT AHEAD IN THIS PARTICULAR DEAL."



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